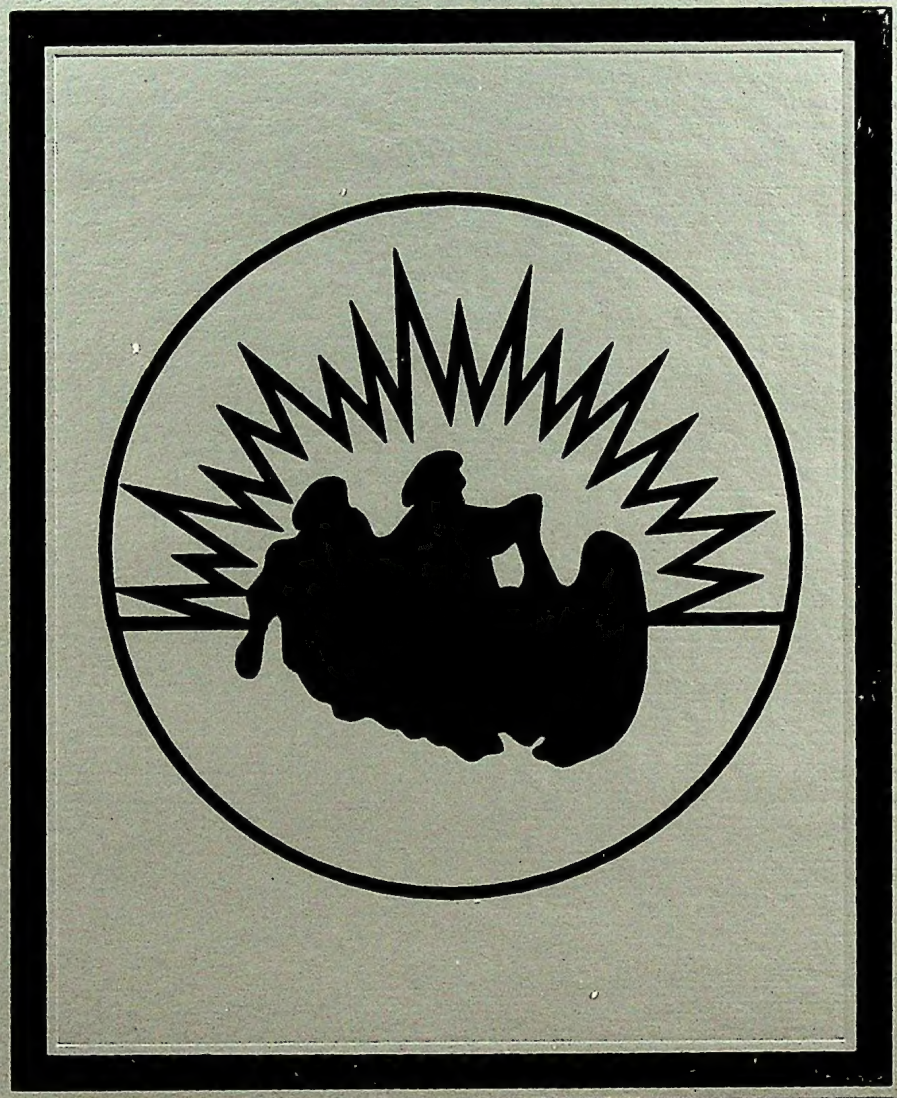


NINETY SEVEN



LIFE IS A VOYAGE...

M.E. LAZERTÉ PORTAGE 1997

From Start...

Here we are, beginning yet another year of school. It's amazing how fast the years fly by as we strive for riches in our later years. We will, however, miss those fun days in front of the chalkboard, won't we? Don't we always look forward to the fresh environment of the school? Okay, so maybe some of us don't. Life is a journey (please excuse the cliché), and our time of youth and innocence ceases with the ending of our high school years. We ride waves, fly through clouds, and drive down highways, find and - if you're unlucky - lose friends along the way. And if you haven't had time to take pictures of the view, this little book will take you back to the time and place which helped bring you where you are now.

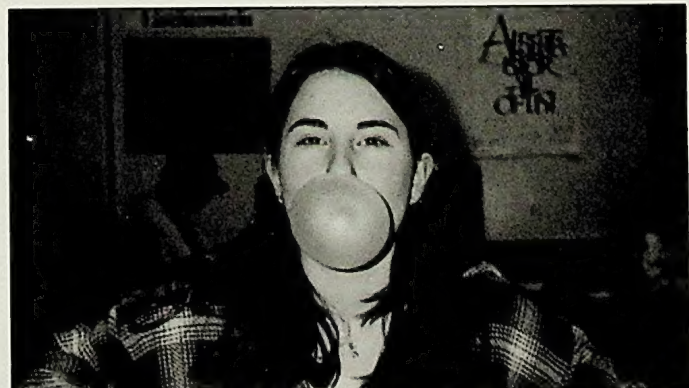


Above: Stephanie Rowell shows off her great talent of blowing bubbles. Maybe she'll start a class. What do you say, Steph?



Above: Nicole LaFrance looks up in surprise, pleased that someone has captured her in one of her rarer moments: doing her homework.

Right: M.E. LaZerte is one big happy family. Faces full of school spirit is such a wonderful sight to behold.



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School is not only homework, stress and procrastination, but also friends and fun times, joking with our teachers and participating in Student Council activities during lunch when the cafeteria, the mall, and wandering around the halls have become too much of a routine. Throw a pie at your teacher as revenge? Why not? Some of us will remember our motivational speaker and the uplifting (and late) pep rally that took up our class time - oh, weren't we disappointed? Don't forget our ten minutes before class - but darn that new bell! Now we can't even be two minutes late . . .

Below: Through all these years of school, who makes it possible for us to remain sane? Not our teachers, not our parents, but our friends of course! Who else is there? Tammy Kluchka, Erinn Matenchuk and Michelle Chong skeesh up close like the good friends they are.



Above: Jimmy Li walks away from the camera, but is he really camera shy? No way. He's grinning with the delight of being noticed by some mysterious photographer.

Right: The enchanted (but also chewed) straw holds Jumana Jarrah in an impenetrable circle of magic with its strange mystical powers.

Can't Hold Still



"To master the art of studying, you must first open the book."
- anonymous

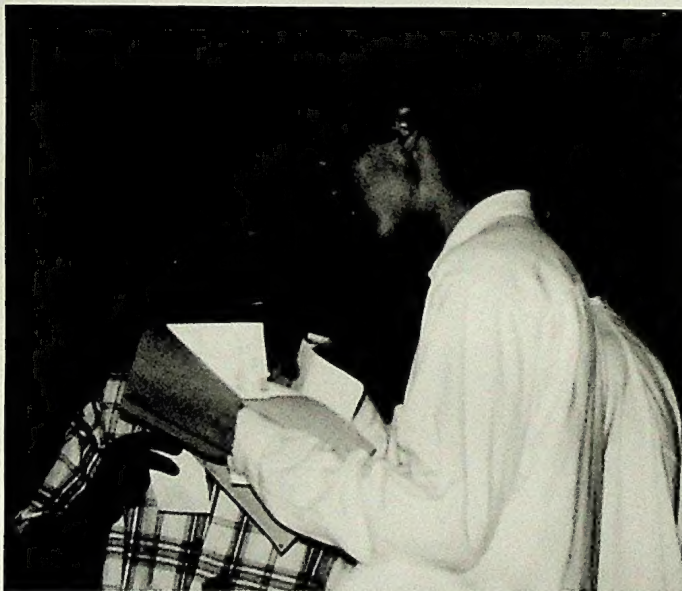




Boarding The Bus

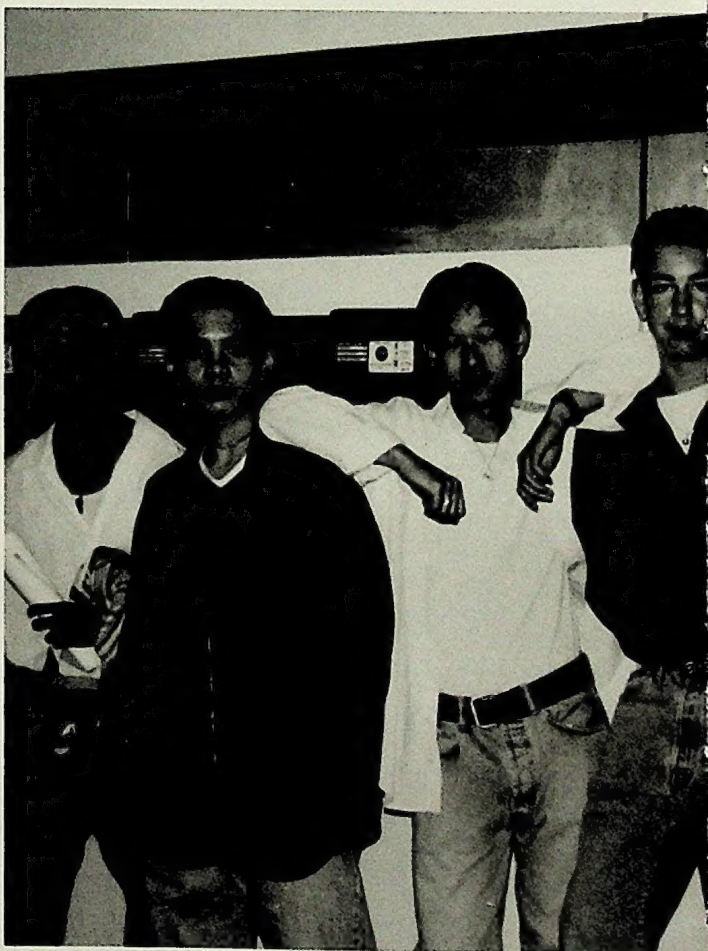
The day has finally arrived - it's back to school. M.E. LaZerte opened its doors for the first time since June 1996 for registration. The day marks the beginning of long lectures, messy lockers, homework overload, chalk-scented air, detentions (of course), and paper spit balls. For the grade 10's, their shy and nervous expressions showed all. High school is a huge jump from junior high. M.E. looked more like a maze than a school. The fear of getting lost in the long hallways while trying to find each classroom or locker was on everyone's minds. However, they knew that they

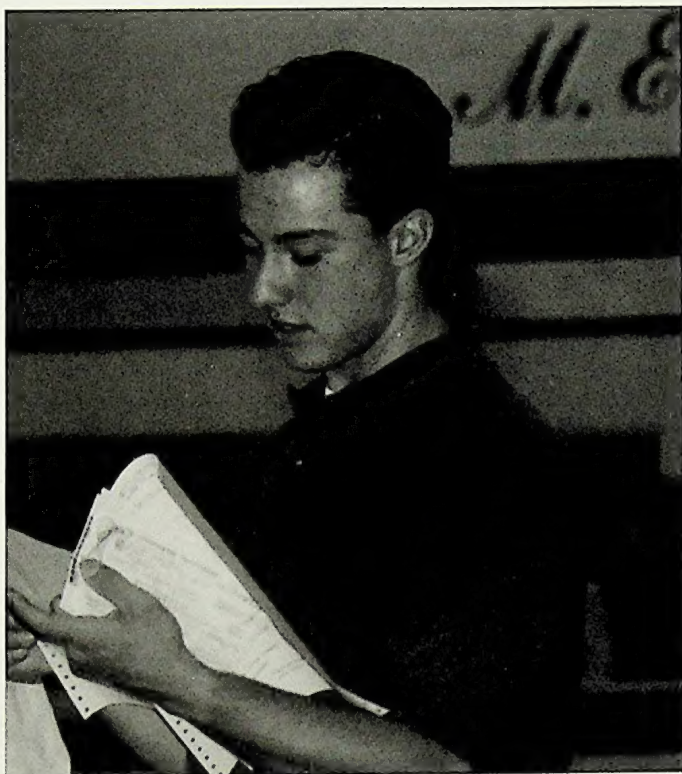
would conquer any obstacle in their way and would adjust to the change in atmosphere. Many were excited and ready to begin the new adventure. For the grade 11's and 12's, the procedure was familiar. They had laid back and "Yeah, we can fool around!" attitudes, happy to be back with good friends. For the 12's, their "Oh my God, our last year!" attitudes showed that they were prepared for their most memorable year to come. For new and returning Voyageurs, this was only the beginning of the new adventures. The journey had now begun.



Above: Mark Andriashek confirms, "Yes, I do believe that $E=mc^2$," to his future science assistant Rohan Balkaran.

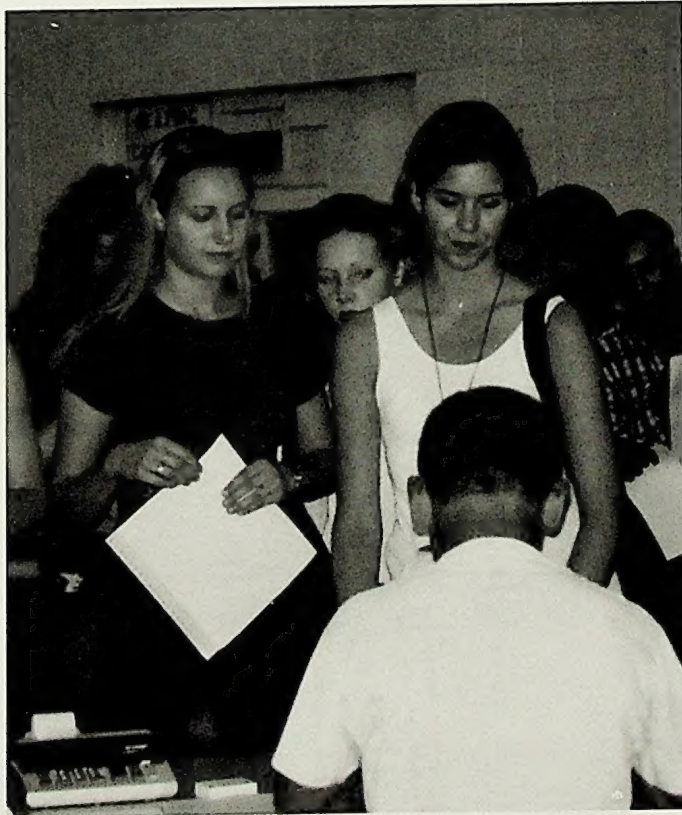
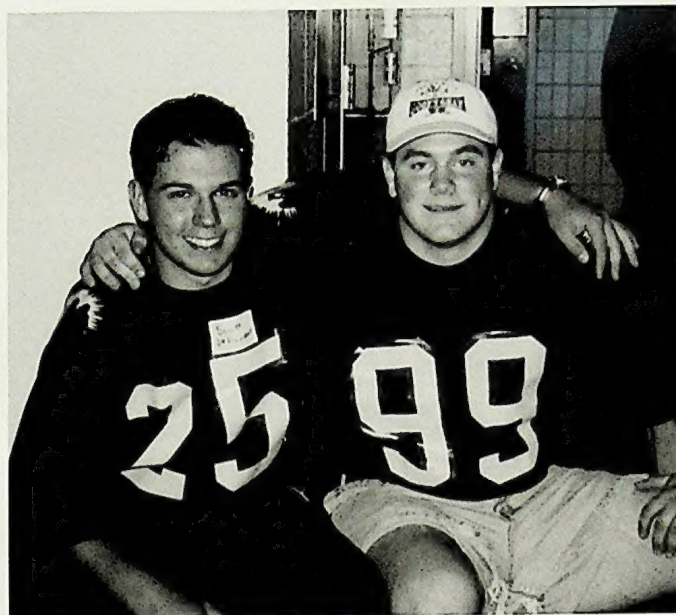
Top Right: Mr. Sumyk does his best impersonation of Bullwinkle.





Left: "What a terrible schedule! I didn't get my favorite class - mall 30," Jeff Orkusz pouts.

Below: What a kodak moment! Sean Horton and Dave Hodgess have great smiles. They seem to brighten up the whole room.



Top Left: Constable Cherwonka stands guard, making sure that all student fees are paid.

Above: As they wait for their schedules, Trish Adel and Amy still can't believe that summer vacation is over.



Above: Michelle Chong is working hard on a crossword puzzle but having difficulties. Hey, isn't she supposed to be helping with registration?

Left Middle: Watch out, Fabio! We've got some hot boys ready to take over! L-R: Austain Tram, Jimmy Chu, Tam Nghe, Dion Bachar, and Irfan Karmali.

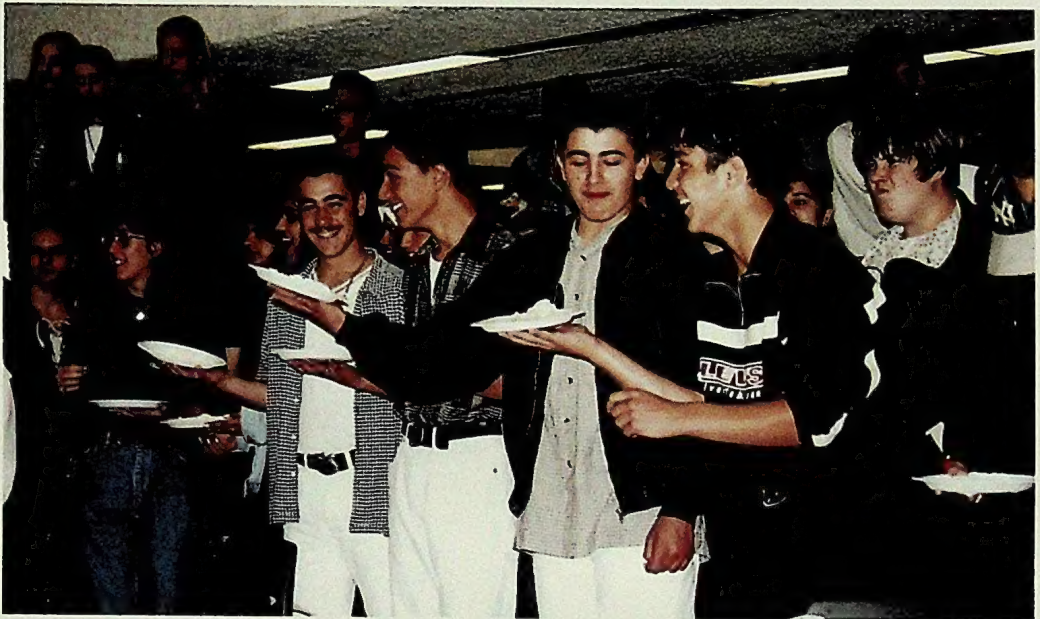
Right: They're our future plumbing experts, specializing in toilets. Having toilet problems? Phone Fred Kennedy, Ricky Sahota, Sandy MacQueen and the rest of their team for guaranteed working Johns.



Right: There's nothing like a good sugary shower of whipped cream pies to wake you up in the morning. Mrs. Buffi gets her fair share of the sticky mess during Student Council's lunch time pie-throwing contest during welcome week.



Below: Jolene Spychka smiles as she plunges away at the floor at the canoe races (talk about Voyageur spirit!) in the gym, hoping to win a prize from Student Council.

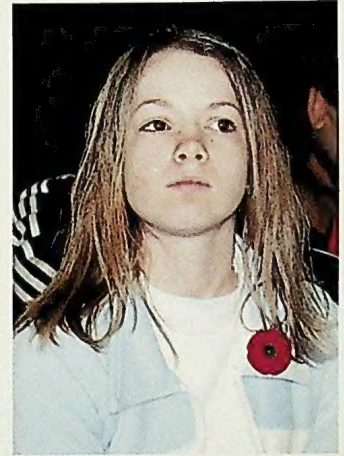


Right: "Surely one of us will strike his face!" Four boys stand in eager anticipation as they put 25 cents to good use. What a great way to start the new year.



Far Right: Don Tiemstra gets ready for his great challenge. Doesn't he remind you of that Pillsbury Doughboy with that funny hat on his head?

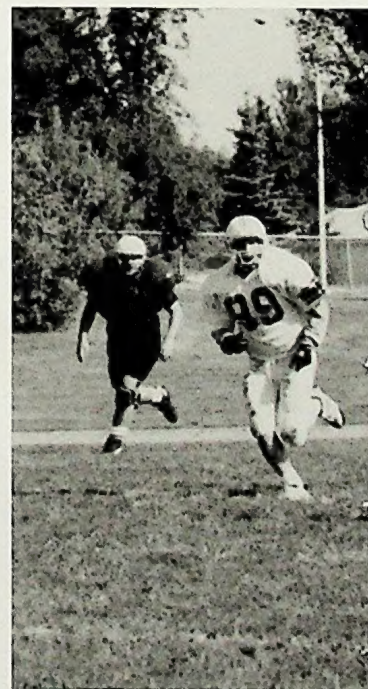


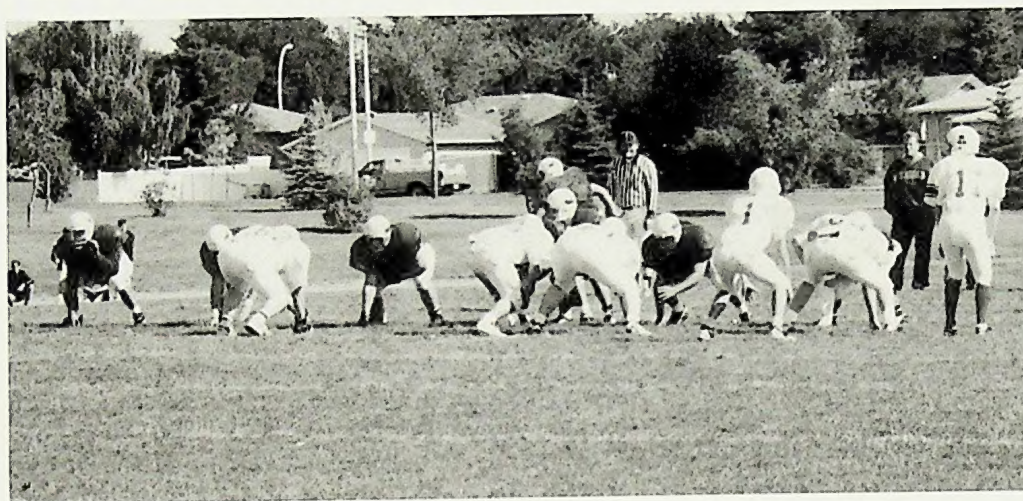
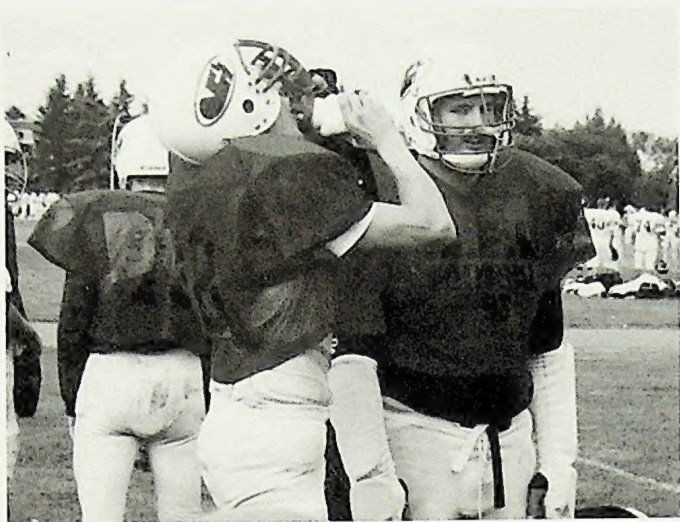


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The Call Of The Wild

The 13th annual football jamboree hosted by M.E. on September 8, 1996 proved once again to be a success. All variables were perfect for the 24+ teams, each competing in three twenty-minute games. The teachers and the wonderful parent football association prepared refreshments, slaving over hot grills for the ravenous players. They raised enough money for all of M.E.L.'s senior football team's breakfasts on their California trip. M.E.L fans showed up to cheer for their favorite Voyageur players and added enthusiasm and encouragement for the team who, out of their three games, tied McNally. As their first effort as a team, it was a great day for the guys. Go VG's!





Top, Far Left: Football is no game of Tiddlywinks. I mean, you can't play Tiddlywinks without the disks.

Top Middle: There's nothing like a fresh mouthful of cold water after a hard play.

Top Right: Oooh, Mr. Myck cooks the burger patties for the hungry football players. Are they edible, do you think?

Middle: Isn't this a ridiculous way of having a conversation?

Above: Have you ever tasted a mouthful of grass? For football players, eating grass is just another everyday thing.

Bottom Far Left: Ouch! Crushed by the opposition, but our guys should be able to take it.

Left: One of M.E.L.'s Voyageurs run the final push to the goal line - way to go, VG's!



Scary Costumes



Above: Check out Jeffy Tyson. How much sexier can you get?

Below: Ricky Sahota does the Cha-Cha-Cha. Shake it baby!



Above: The participants of the Halloween Costume contest. Another scary and slightly psychotic looking group. Well, you know they're from M.E. all right. Halloween brought out all the ghouls and goblins this year, but we're missing the warewolves. The costumes were great and so was the spirit. There's nothing like a little ghoulish spirit - Haha!



... And the winners are: Krista Rychliski (left), and Fred Kennedy (above). Aren't they lovely? What a great couple they make! I wonder if they know each other ...

Pumpkin Carving



Top Left: Kim Rennie, April Sandusky, Chris Wing, and Don Tiemstra gut a pumpkin for Student Council's annual Pumpkin Carving Contest.

Middle Right: Roger gets oddly (but odd is normal now, hey?) intense with his pumpkin and practices his voodoo on it. Maybe it works, because the pumpkin is shaping very nicely.

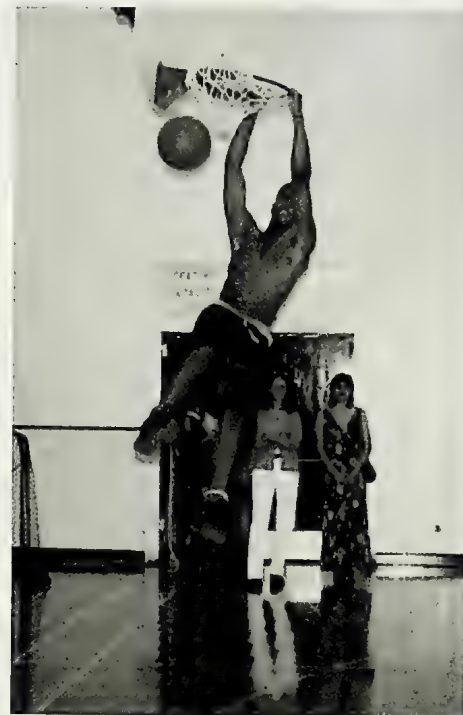
Middle Left: The winners are Captain Toe Jam and the Ingrown Toenails: Jolene Spychka, Stephanie Rowell, Karen Wilkes, Amanda Schultz, Shannon Friel, and Cosmo Kramar.

Top Right: Jolene Spychka looks up gleefully at our photographer as she digs her hands into the gushy insides of her pumpkin. Eew, what a mess!

Left: April Sandusky, Kim Rennie, and Roberta Plasche pose with the newest addition to their group of friends: Peter Pumpkin Head.

Our Real World

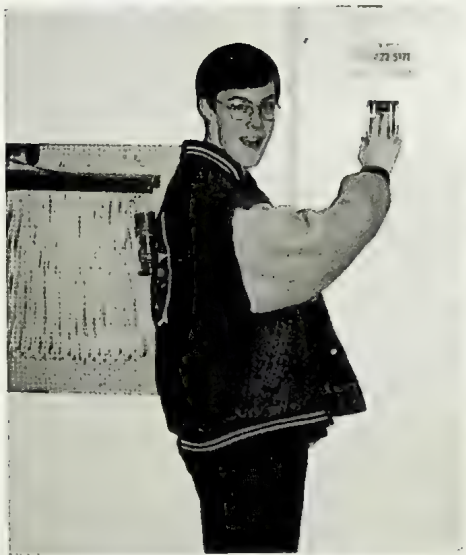
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Top Right: Wow! You know, the closest thing humans can really get to flying is jumping, but basketball players may yet show us wrong.

Middle: In the library, it looks like Stephen Parker is cramming for another test . . . where's the cheat-sheet, Steve?

Above: (Left to right) Donette, Selenna, Julie, Selene, David, Angela, Joe, and Josh contemplate life's trials in the hallway.



Top Right: The "Ramp Rats" won't budge, even for lunch. There must be a secret lair there that nobody, except them, know about.

Top Left: They bribed the cameraman, so here's Crystal Velichkak, Robin Hawreluk, Carey Paholek, and Nikki Homeniuk enjoying lunch in the cafe, everybody's favorite hangout.

Middle Left: Now, who do you think pulled all of those false alarms we've been having? Perhaps it was Kris Devouge (A.K.A The Rabbi).

Middle Right: A great line from the Nhatman: "Waiting in the cafeteria line is like waiting in line for a Tickle-Me-Elmo doll" - or something like that.

Left: Shadia and her gang: (left to right) Lila, Sajida, Mona, Shadia, Jamely, Andrea, Hala, and Susha, enjoy a leisurely game of cards. Strip Poker maybe?

Below: Daryk Waldner and Clayton Eastland begin to taste the necessities of high school as they do their homework at the last minute.

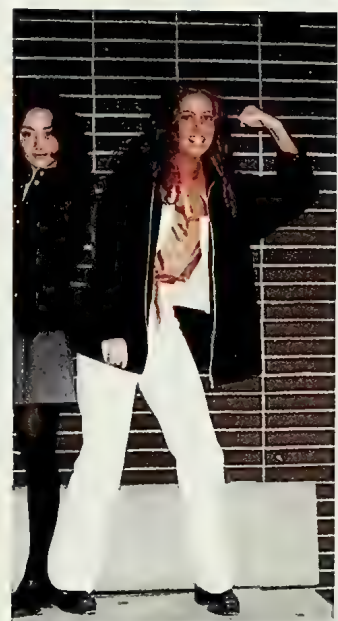


Right: The five most richly attired, highly respected, protectors of the Pepsi machine stand on duty during the lunch hour.



Above: Melissa Blasko is caught reading one of her little love letters from her secret admirer. Who is it this time, Melissa?

Right: Aleksandar Ozegovic, Thom Elniski, Tova Elniski, and Daniel Hudj stand in perfect pose in front of the gym doors.



Above: Amina Sleiman stops to show off some muscle, but where is the muscle in that skinny little body of hers?

No Travelling Alone

In Our Footsteps

Little kids are so sweet sometimes - especially when they look up at you with those big baby blues and listen intently to your every word. M.E. La-Zerte was filled with those little guys on Sunday, December 8 as Student Council held its annual Christmas party for the children of our PCL partners and MEL staff. SU members dedicated their Sunday to help them make crafts, decorate cookies, and to hold a puppet show of "The Night Before Christmas" for them. Jolly old Dave Hodgess,

posing as this year's Santa, offered his knee to everyone and listened to each child's wishes. You could feel the Christmas spirit as all sang Christmas carols in the rotunda with Caitrin Claffey playing the guitar.



Above: The cafeteria was filled with Santa's little helpers just like this one. All we were missing was Rudolph and his other eight reindeer pals.

Top Left: Every group of children has its favorite, and this year this little boy won the final vote.

Far Left: If everyone in the world concentrated on their work as this girl is doing, what a place Earth would become!

Left: Instead of singing the Christmas carols with the rest of the group, this next McCauley Caulkin decides to dance his unusual dance to the music.



Right: Bobby Wong and Scott Horton show us that people of any age can be kids once in a while. Who cares about maturity? Isn't that right guys?



Never A Dull Moment

The Snowflake Festival was, as always, a smashing success. The festive spirits were felt by all that evening. The voices of the choir soared, the drama productions were entertaining, and the student skits filled many in the audience with laughter. Shannon Friel and Jason Whitham had the audience rolling on the ground as the two

comics showed the audience their talents. Santa (the real one!!) also made an appearance with his rowdy group and sexy wife. We heard a few rockin' bands, watched an exciting race (the tortoise and hare) and saw a little match girl fade into the night. It was definitely a crowd-pleaser.



Top Right: The tense moment of the evening comes as Derrique Buchynski goes to have her yearly check-up, but can she really trust that evil nurse?

Above: Derek Wojcichowski and Daryk Waldner practice their acting talents as two grade 10 participants at the Snowflake Festival.

Middle Right: Scott Horton laughs at another hilarious little joke of his. He makes a very convincing preppy, doesn't he? Oooh, nice socks, Scott.



Above: Here's proof that Santa Claus really is a person and not a myth. We should learn from kids more often.



Above: David Hodgess walks off his mysterious - and magical? - moving chair. Does it really move by itself? Aha! We see you back there!

Lyp Sync

Below: Kate Bouska, Jill Bueger, and Jackie Glessing dress as rock'n'roll stars and sing a song about rebelling against school. Their friends act as school children as they join in the fun.

The 1996/1997 Lyp Sync, like all the other years, was a hilarious event, arousing many laughs from all the people in the audience. Three major competitors mouthed their song choice and danced for all to see and enjoy. A rock song was performed by Kate Bouska, Jill Bueger, and Jackie Glessing, Gabriel Lee tried to impersonate Boyz to Men, and David Komarynsky and Ricky Sahota did their own version of "Rasputin". Another participant was Mr. Bateman, who danced the "Nacho, Nacho Man".



Left: David Komarynsky and Ricky Sahota present their self-choreographed "Rasputin" dance. I wonder if the real Rasputin danced?



Below: Gabriel Lee smooths back his hair during his Boyz to Men frenzy. It was funny, but too bad he had to start taking his shirt off . . .



Above: It's the Nacho Man!! The most surprising part is that he actually resembles the Nacho Man on that commercial!

Right: Kate Bouska screams at the "bad boy" of the class. Obviously, this performance was one of the most original.



Motivational Speaker



Above: Mark Scharenbrock shares with the audience his thoughts on life as the rest of the school sits in captivation.

On one of the joyous days that we all missed classes due to either a pep rally or a speaker, Mark Scharenbrock paid M.E. LaZerte a visit. He was a motivational speaker - his duty to lift our spirits and to open our eyes to the world around us. Mark emphasized the many challenges that all youths face; the solution to the challenges is to be honest with ourselves and about who we are. We have to accept ourselves and learn to appreciate who we are. He talked about how high school should be a period of growth and change - however, it seems

that only half of that is true. In a grade one classroom, there is an abundance of hands in the air eagerly waiting to be chosen. In high school, we only see tired, blank faces hoping not to be noticed by the teacher. Most of us lack the enthusiasm we once had. This is a change, but a change for the worse. Thanks to Mark Scharenbrock, sponsored by Jostens Yearbooks many of LaZerte's students got out of class and into another one in which maybe they actually learned something (about life).



Right: Mark goes one-on-one with a student. There are some of us who have stories to tell too.

Rit Stop



Above: So this is why Amanda Schultz joined Crime Stoppers!!



Above: Chris Gignac - "Whoops! I blinked. You aren't going to put this picture in the yearbook, are you?"

Above: Artistic Field is proud of her pysanka.

Middle Left: Does Ali Kadri think he's tough? Take off the jacket, buddy, and show us what's REALLY under there.



Above Middle: Mark Vasilicin seems to be Mr. Popularity today. The key word here is "seems".

Top Left: Shannon Friel, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed!

Top Middle: Carla Boschman and her friend look like they're best buds.

Above: A stunned Sam. It is aliens?

Pep Rally

The first big school event to start off the new year was the annual pep rally. Over 1700 students jammed into the gymnasium, anxious to see what was ahead. They were excited to see demonstrations of music, games, and, in general, loads of fun (it's also nice to miss class).

This year's rally was one of the best and most original ever held at LaZerte. After all, not all schools have light shows, videos, bands, and drag queens! This year we had all that and more! The M.C.'s were Mary Coghlon and David Hodgess. There was a slight delay in starting since Dave was late attending. However, we all forgave him when he made a grand entrance in a sexy blue dress and a blonde wig. After his great performance, there

was the usual introduction speech by the principal and SU president. For further entertainment, a band which included 3 of our fellow students performed live. We all agreed that they could be the next Nirvana. Then it was time for the audience to get involved. Students were chosen to challenge the football players in the traditional M.E. games. This activity involved spinning around with your head stuck to a baseball bat, being rushed across a bench, running through tires, a football throw, and back again. Everyone showed great sportsmanship and the winners received prizes. The audience also received a treat when Mr. Sumyk rode around on a tricycle throwing candy to the students. The cheerlead-

ers came out to dance to the "Mission Impossible" theme song before finally it was announced that the Senior football team was on their way to the city championships. We congratulated the junior football team and the volleyball teams for their great seasons.



Top Left: Mr. McWilliam says his speech before the fun begins.

Top Middle: "Keep running, Emade Elshmoury!"

Middle Right: Oh no! Tabitha's ruining her hair!

Above: The next Nirvana? No doubt about it. Good luck guys!

Above Left: I thought this only happened in Soaps! I guess I was wrong, wasn't I, Scott and Dave?



Below: So, who's sexier than Marilyn Monroe? Dave Hodges, of course! He looks good, but I think he'd look much better in leather . . .

Left: No move is "Impossible" for these cheerleaders.



Middle Left: Student Council President Scott Horton makes his big speech. Maybe he could sing "New York, New York" too.

Left: "Wow, I didn't know tricycles came in my size." Mr. Sumyk marvels at man's creation as he delivers candy.



Right: A pep rally wouldn't be the same without audience enthusiasm and participation.



Living In a Moment

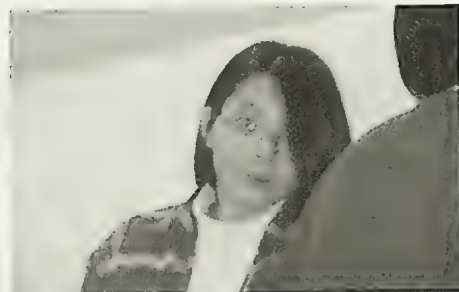


Top Right: Jasdeep Panesar: a woman's heart-breaker.

Above: The Phys-Ed 20 pool sharks: Alek Oze-govic, Jodi Kratchkowski, Daniel Hudj, Tovah Elniski, and Travis Watt.

Right: Colette Homik, Tara Andreychuk, Jen-nifer Veerasamie, Susan Ross, Kent Swanson, Jessica Zajonz, Nhat Cam, Chrystal Hill, Craig Orell, and Melissa Paish. Shouldn't you guys be doing something more constructive than standing around?





Top Right: "The Bold and the Beautiful": Aman Grewal, Rosa Branco, Zeina Mashtoub, and Kam Grewal.

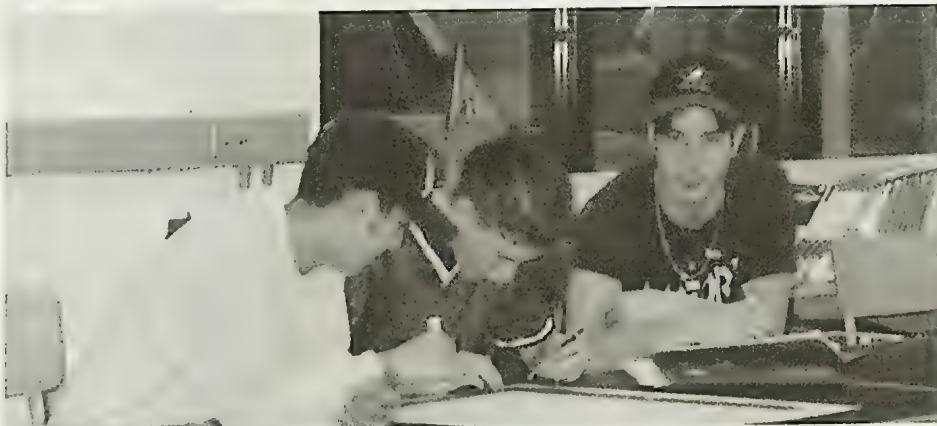
Top Left: Alissa Reynolds and Brett Prosser, the "spare" pair.

Center Left: Adnan Nashman is once again caught in the act. He is planning another day when he will go through the "No Exit" doors. Oooh, the suspense!

Bottom: Nabeel Gebara, Steve Allen, and Ahmed Nabolsi work hard as always. I mean, can you imagine guys like these goofing around? Of course not.

Center: All work and no play makes Trina Carlson an unusual sight at M.E. But then, all play and no work won't get her anywhere in life.

Above: A sneak peek at Polly Au.



On Our Way



Above: Ruth and Jumana say cheese, but - oohh, is there something wrong with Bobby? Maybe it's slow reflexes



Above: Delaine and Karen show what friends are made of at M.E.

Middle: James and Adam chill in the Rotunda.

Right: Jonah teaches us how to sleep in class with our eyes open. Wow, neat trick, Jonah.





Left: Wow, isn't Dwayne lucky? He's surrounded by all those lovely girls. Which one will he choose?

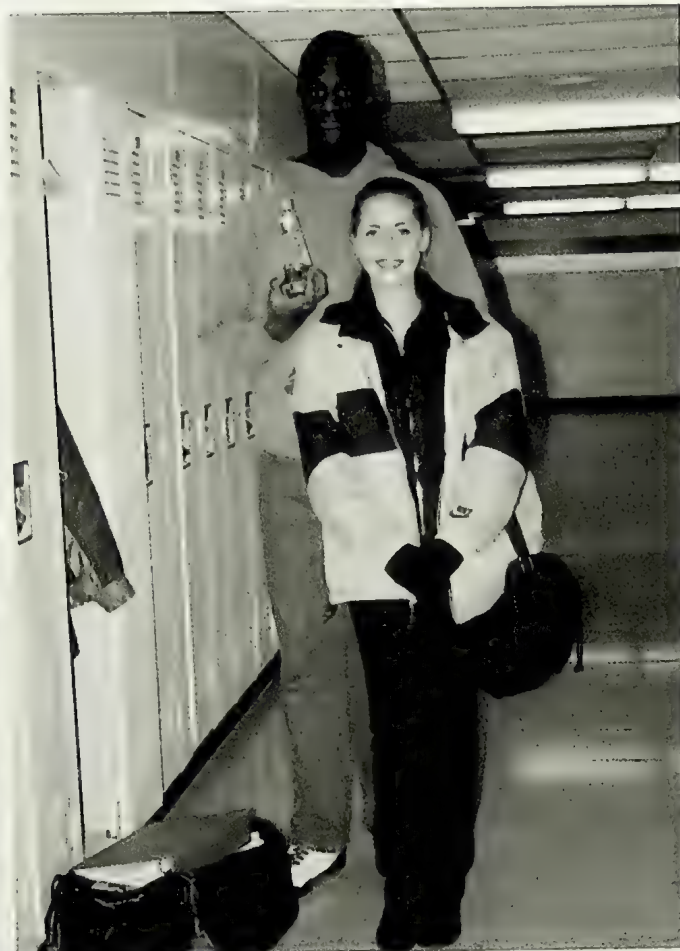


Below: Ahhh . . . what a cute couple. Tania and Blake take time for a pose.

Below: Look ma!! No cavities!!



Left: "Just one sip of this potion," says David Robert, "will definitely make you taller than Tovah Elniski."



Below: Des McDonald gives his evil glare, daring anyone to take him on.



Left: Looks like there's another problem with the vending machine as Somer, Kalil, and Janan fill out slips.

Center: The 171 bus crew: Jamely, Sudeep, and Monica.



Taking A Rest



Above: Don't Thalge and Ala make a cute couple?



Top Left: Michelle, Roxanne, and Jeana show their version of the can-can.

Above: Are Nadia and Scham trying to find out if Ali is ticklish?



Far Left: Alissa and Tara will be friends forever!!

Left: This is what friendship is all about - you guessed it - foolishness!!

Below Left: Look, it's the Club Monaco Gang hanging out in the Cafeteria

Middle Left: Two, Rosie, Karen, and Kristy are Divas with attitudes.

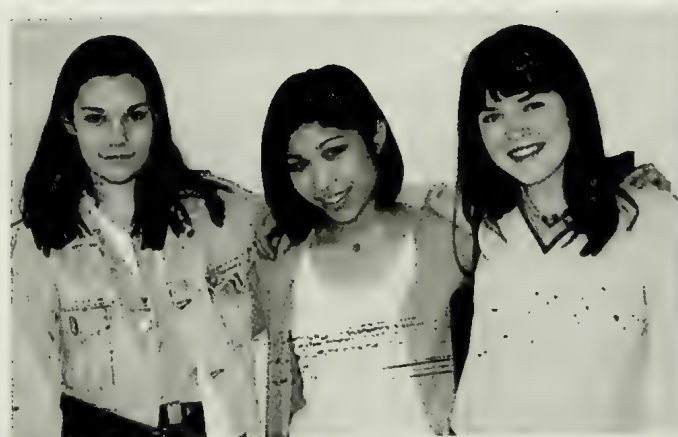


Above: Wow! Those are nice jeans you have there, Blake Hopp.

Below: Liz and Sammi strike their best model poses. What do you think? Do they have what it takes?



Center: You don't want to mess with the Stud Club.



Left: Say cheese and smile!

Above: "Yes, we always look this good," says Tiffany Teslyk, Jennifer Mah, and Melissa Blashko.



How could a school ever possibly survive without sports? They promote school spirit and offer the students with something more exciting to do than sit around at home all day doing homework and studying. It's a thrill to pull your best friends and classmates together to cheer for your favorite team - M.E. LaZerte, of course. If you can recall, from the beginning of the year, all the football games and volleyball and basketball games, you will also remember the rush of pride as the crowd of fans stood cheering their hearts out. You couldn't help but scream along . . .



Above: Jill Buerger, Jackie Glessing, Kate Bouska, and Erin Juskiewicz show pride in their Sr. Volleyball team.

Right: Steve Parker stares into the camera lens like a professional basketball player. He has the calm but intimidating look.

Below: Look at our man go!!
This Sr. Football team member rushes toward the goal.

Going Towards The Goal

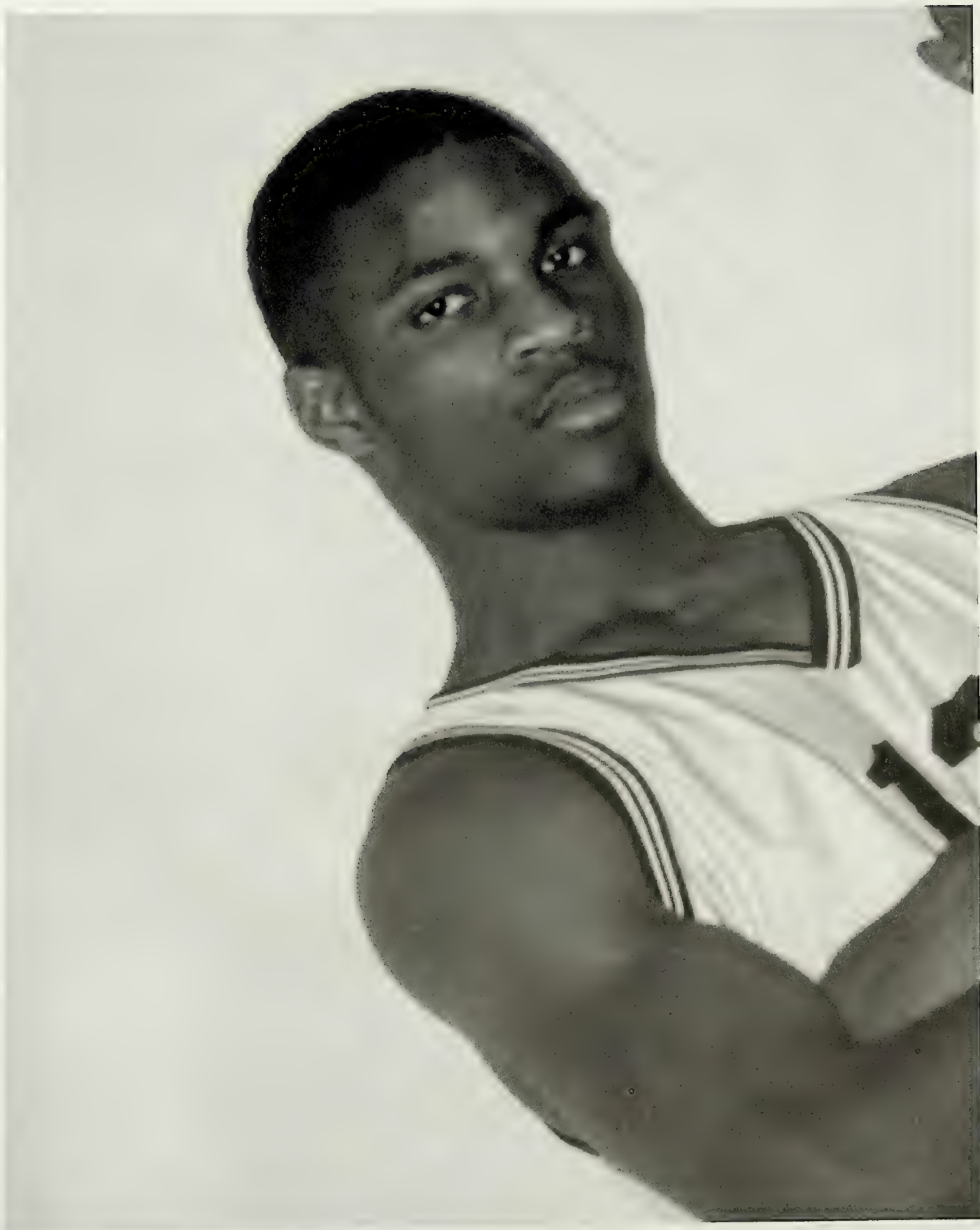


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“The point of volleyball is not to keep the ball up, but to protect the floor from the falling ball.”

- anonymous

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Sr. Boys' Football

1996 Senior Men's Football City Champions

Envy of the League as a great M.E. LaZerte coach said, "You can't win games if you don't play with emotion!" The 1996 Senior Men's Football Team definitely played with exhilaration, anxiety, desire, hate and victorious joy.

Our City Championship season began with another successful football jamboree hosted by M.E. LaZerte for the 13th straight year. With visions of California dancing through our heads, the jamboree ended, and we began a week of our "educational exchange" in California.

California met the team with open arms of beach babes, and 8:00 a.m. practices in amazon like humidity. But fun was on the agenda still. Disneyland found the team frolicking in childhood roots, while some like Chris (Princess Cinderella) enjoyed it more than others. Universal Studios gave us a peek at the other side of the camera (where most of the team should stay, a coach noted). S.A. Dodger - Cincinnati Reds game at Dodger's Stadium gave us a pleasant taste of Major League Baseball. Fun is one thing, but business awaited. We left Laguna Beach, and headed through the valley into the dessert to Lancaster City. There we met our billets, a.k.a. game day rivals from antelope Valley High School. A different culture, school system and gen-

erous hospitality overwhelmed us attending a day of class with our billets made us proud of our schooling in Canada; however, these Yankees taught us a lesson on how to play football. The game on Friday the 13th was a conscious nightmare. Enough said. We left California with new friends and a load of memories lingering, but there was a championship to win in Edmonton in a league more our caliber.

Our season proved to be a pinnacle in M.E. LaZerte history. We finished with a 6-1-1 record. The last was a controversial game lost with one second on the clock. Highlights of the season includes 3 consecutive shutouts, and winning 8 games straight. The play-offs arrived, and we handily turned the McNally Tigers into pussycats in the semi-final game. In the final we met the underdog Eastglen Blue Devils, but we didn't take them lightly. Instead we knocked their heads off literally. Injured teammate Jeff Tyson nailed their mascot during the game, knocking it's head off. The Voyageurs crushed the Blue-Devils 41-12, in a good old Canadian blizzard at Clarke Stadium. We brought home 3 years of dreams and Mr. Jereniuk brought home the "coach of the year" award; deservedly.

How did we do it? When 40 young men play their hearts

out, and band together with a common goal, a group of playboy centerfolds couldn't distract us. Leaders like Steve Marques, team M.V.P. and city all-star, earn these honors by showing us the lights of hard-work. Dave Hodges not only united the team on the field, but at post-game celebrations as well. On the field we had the strongest offensive line, enforced by adonises Donnie Tiemstra and Chris Corchane. Our receivers were always effective, no matter if it was Cam Shushack leveling someone during a block, or Stu Kostuick dancing down field. Chris Greidanus, protected by the O-line, confidently carried out plays as a furious Steve Marques would plow a path for Jason "Wheels" Hall to motor through. And our defense. The Lust. A solid defensive line met unwanted guests, and if monsters like Emad Elsmoury weren't there, linebackers like Travor Jerone or David Roy would be there. Our defensive backs proved their worth, picking balls out of the air like lint from a belly-button. Jay Benson and Brett Krosser were always in the right spot while Harold Semenuk and Billy Kamlah showed the "Rudy" attitude, working for their interceptions. We couldn't have succeeded without the coaches. The hours they spent preparing, coaching, and banging their heads, hopefully were aided by the championship. Sadly coach Kates will

not be with the V6 family next year. Everyone will miss his psychotic intensity, and clever play sequences.

Being a part of the 1996 Voyageur City Champion team will grace my heart forever. I know M.E.L. is proud we played with passion, and took it "to the heart". Even though the media coverage was poor, everyone knows M.E.L. is #1.

The rapids of life may cause pain, but Voyageurs know how to break through to calm water where we can sit and be envied.





Jr. Boys' Football



Ski Ya There



Top Right: Aaram Muiselar is always happy to be skiing. Will it be his future career?

Top Left: Heather Reed, Ms. Fowke, and Trina Carlson enjoy the slopes at Rabbit Hill.

Above: It's Friday the 13th. The score is: Sunshine 1, Russell Snell 0.

Center Left: Mrs. Hatch, Kelly Krenz, Ms. Fowke, David Hodgess, and Mr. Gafuik enjoy some sunshine on Dec. 13.

Above: Lee D'Entremont, Travis Meyn, Alissa Reynolds, and Jolene Spychka all look ready to hit the slopes.

Swim Team

For the fourth year in a row, M.E. LaZerte's Swim Team had achieved the honour of being the City Champions in swimming in the small squad division (under 30 team swimmers). This year's team consisted mostly of new members who had never participated on competitive swimming events. The team practiced five nights a week from September through to the City Finals on December 3, 1996. The progress the new swimmers made was quite phenomenal over the course of the swim season. The senior swimmers with one or two seasons of experience went on to swim at higher levels and to swim more challenging events. Their advanced skills gave the team a powerful edge that helped to clinch the City Championship victory. The effort and attitude of the swimmers and coaches made LaZerte's successful swim year possible.

Center: The volunteers - Back Row: Dave Komarinski, Lawrence Chang, Matthew Zee, Carla Boschman, Melanie Ettinger Middle Row: Caitrin Claffey, Nick Reiner Front Row: Cindy Lveck, Michelle Hagstrom, Christine Matheson

Right: Coaches - Mr. George Lampos (student teacher, Mrs. Kathleen Hatch, Mr. Ken Wright



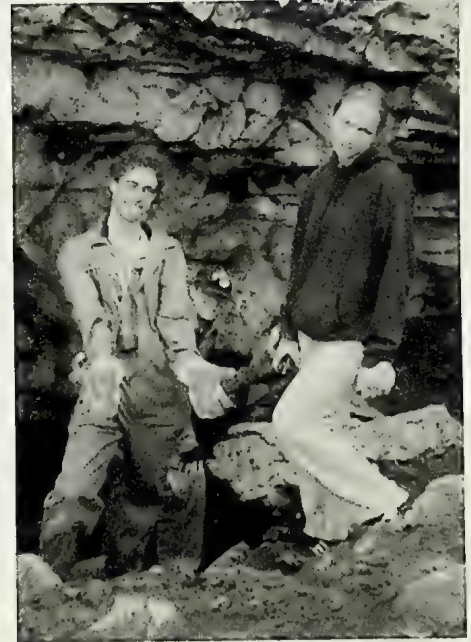
Top: Lorne Lee - Boys' Team Captain

Above: Angela Reiner - Captain/Assistant coach/Manager

Top Middle: The Team: Back Row - Jennifer Harrison, Sheila Ulvstal, Corley Chrimes, Vicky Sahota, Dorothy Chan, Natasha Carriere, Ricky Sahota, Mike Reiner, Micah Cooper, Steven Dytiuk, Gabriel Lee, Angela Reiner, Kevin Liew, Graham Robson, Amanda Schultz, Wade Wesolowsky

Front Row: Laura Short, Fabulous Fred Kennedy, Amanda Kremer, Terri Primcombe, Justine Danis, Jacqui Primrose, Loretta Laycock, Dan Eelhart, Eva Chung Missing: Lorne Lee

Outdoors



Top Left - Byron and Cristal are enjoying horseback riding and nature.

Top Right - Craig Orrell and Jessica Zajonz pose pretty, actually dirty, for the camera.

Far Left, Middle: Instructions needed before anyone is allowed on a raft.

Above - Mr. Bateman walking on water.

Above: The Outdoor Club at their first, out of school. (Nice socks Mr. Green).

Middle: Anyone for skinny dipping?

Sr. Boys' Volleyball

This season's Sr. Boys' Volleyball team may have been short on players, but they made up for this in their skills. These skills would lead them down a road to victory. It all began in a seeding tournament at Eastglen where they ended the day undefeated. The season itself was rocky, but they made an incredible showing at the Red Deer Tournament, beating O'Leary in a 3-set match to advance to the Quarter Finals. Unfortunately, their goals of winning this tourney were cut short in this play-off match. All in all, the weekend was a blast due to the unusual events with the Big Slam bottles way down to the flying furniture head-bunt on the last night. Finally the season ended on a bright note, as they won the City Conference Championship over Jasper Place. This couldn't have been possible without the guidance of the coach, Ms. Williams, and her lovely yet sometimes absent assistant coach Chad Osland.

- Gareth Ellis

Middle Right: Alek Ozegevic bends low in an extra effort to keep the ball from hitting the ground.

Middle Left: The opposing team's serves are no match for Bobby Wong.

Top Right: Gareth Ellis' powerful spike easily slips the ball over his opponents' carefully set up block.



Right: Mark Napora's puts total concentration on the game.



Below Left:
Top Row: Assistant Coach - Chad Osland, Mark Rodych, Alek Ozegevic, Bobby Wong, Coach - Charlene Williams
Bottom Row: Ming Yeung, Gareth Ellis, Mark Napora, Jamie Danyluk

Below Right: Top Row: Coach - Mr. Meek, Andrew Tse, John Haslam, Ricky Ma, Sean McKenzie, Brett Fixsen, Scott Nychay, Gabriel Lee, Coach - Mr. Kinoshita
 Bottom Row: Francis Cheung, Avtar Sidhu, Bojan Stanisic, Jason Solowan, Cain Trynchuk, Allan Wong

Jr. Boys' Volleyball

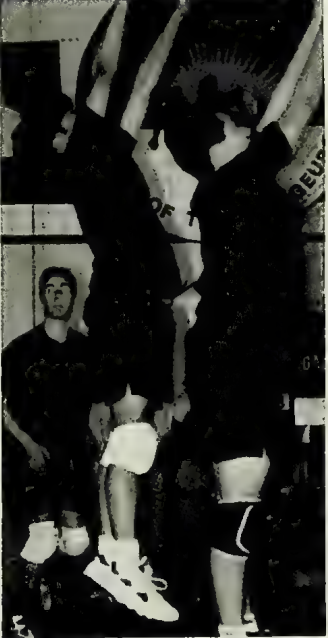
Winning didn't come easily to the 96/97 Junior Boys' Volleyball team. There was scattered talent among the team members. No medals were brought home, but it was a great year for improvements and teamwork. The whole team was eager to work hard. Coaches Meek and Kinoshita helped these players develop into outstanding team members and brought their skills to another level. Cain, Bo, and their killer serves, Jason and Brett's blocks, Andrew's defense, Avtar's digs, Sean and John's tips, Scott's cheers, Francis' hits, and Ricky's all-round play made up the team. It was memories like Brett's amazing hits in warm-ups to Ricky's dives into tables and poles that made this year a thriller. It was a blast!



Above: Avtar Sidhu watches his hit, hoping that it doesn't hit the roof again.



Above: Ricky Ma shows off his great form and amazing air time.



Above: Francis Cheung and Allan Wong set up a block against the other team.



Left: Is Brett Fixsen predicting that there will be rain today? Of course not! He is the center of attention as he keeps the ball in play.

Sr. Girls' Volleyball

Middle Left - Phalene Featherstone crouches down to bump the ball.

Below - It's a silly moment for the Sr. Girls as they pose behind their friend the volleyball net.

Bottom Right - Jessica Schur yet again making a perfect serve.

Sr. Girls' volleyball 96/97 was yet again one full of both wins and losses, but full of exhilarating fun and excitement. Although the girls didn't bring home any trophies, they all had an unforgettable season together as they did something they all loved: to Play volleyball!

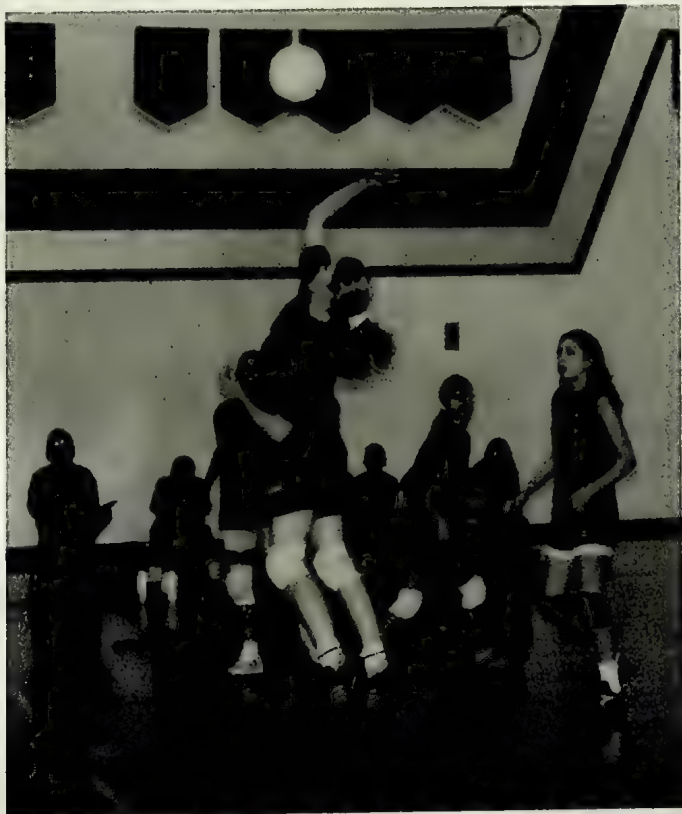


Left - Back Row: Coach Fong Nygun, Manager Kelly Krenz, Crystal Velichka, Kate Bouska, Phalene Featherstone, Kim Shave, Amanda Engman.

Front Row: Jasebel Chan, Carla Boschman, Jackie Glessing, Jill Buerger, Erin ___, Alicia Segin, Jessica Schur.



Jr. Girls' Volleyball



It's your first year in high school and you're finally away from those tiny, jabbering, sometimes irritating, grade 7's and into the real world (sort of). Well, you've heard people talking about how fun high school is and how you'll feel on top of the world when you get here, but the first thing you think when you step in is: "How am I ever going to find the bathroom?" Hey, you're 3 years from the Big Time and finally your marks have some meaning. Maybe it isn't party time (at least not until Grad) but it will be one of the best times you'll experience. Now where is that bathroom . . . ?



Above: Ricky Ma and Andrew Tse give M.E. LaZerte a big thumbs-up. A little school spirit never hurt anyone.

Right: Joanna Sexauer and her friend make their friendship forever by having it captured on film.

Below: Kevin Liew and Rick Cheong work diligently in front of the computer. What could they be so interested in, I wonder?

Beginning The Journey



"When you get to high school, make sure you have a buddy with you so if you get lost you won't be the only one who looks like a total fool."

- anonymous



Grade 10 Mugs Abd-Dhi

Nergiz Abdi
Saleemah Abdul-Raheen
Mariam Abougoush
Zeina Abu Meita
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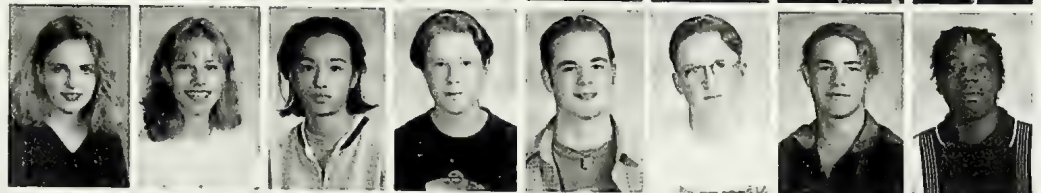
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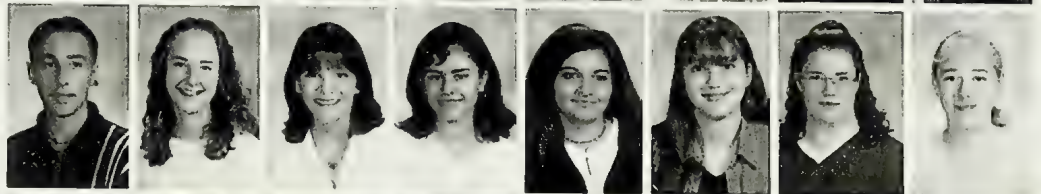
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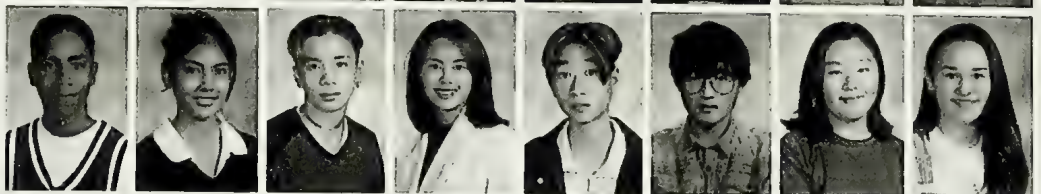
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Cathy Chung



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Mona Contois
Micah Cooper
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Kim Couvreur
Laura Coventry



Trent Cross
Maria Dagres
Tara Dame
Samai Darwiche
Sherlyn Degelman
Robin Delorme
Nelson Demedeiros
Reena Dhillon



Grade 10 Mugs Dib-Ism



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Chris Dibble
Minda Dien
Paraskevi Dimitriou
Christopher Dingwall
Geoffrey Dixon
Thu Do
Amber Doering



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Kristin Donaldson
Justine Drakes
Justin Drew
Krista Ducherer
Tyler Duffy
Gerard Dukart
Jennifer Dwelsdorf



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Clayton Eastland
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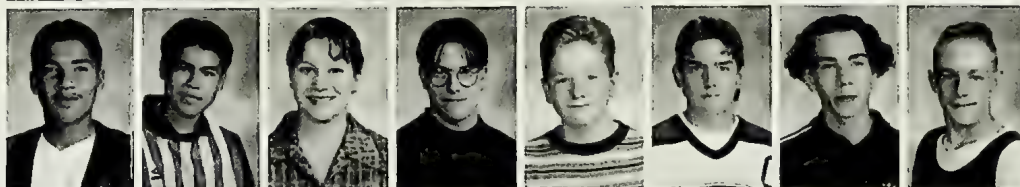
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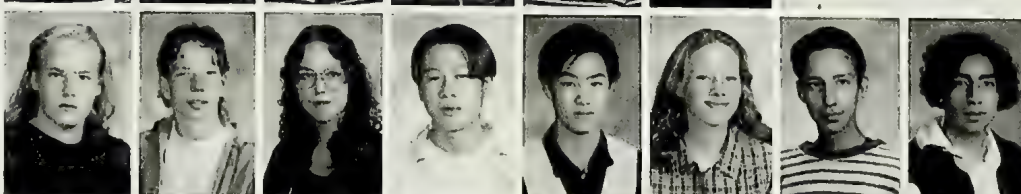
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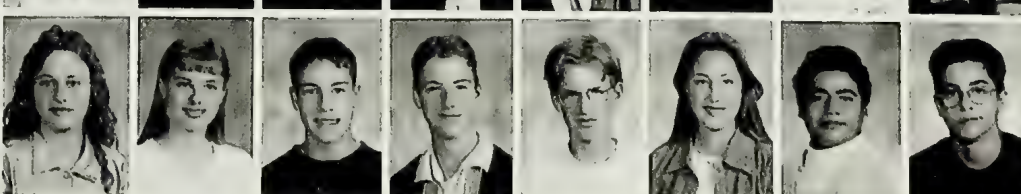
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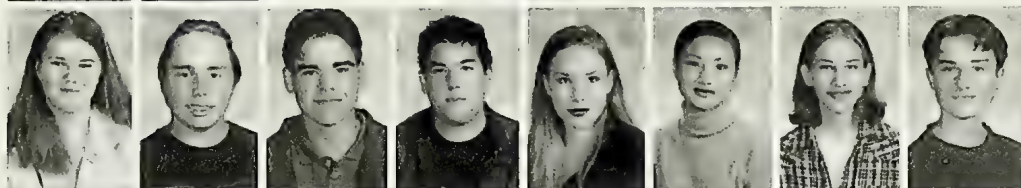
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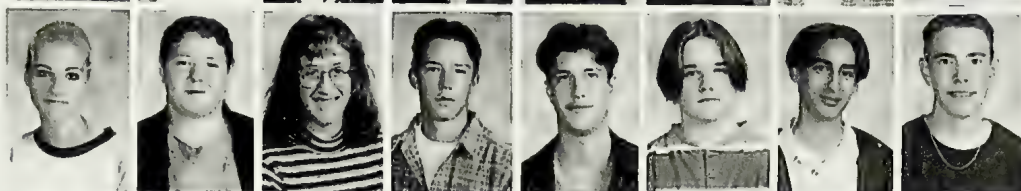
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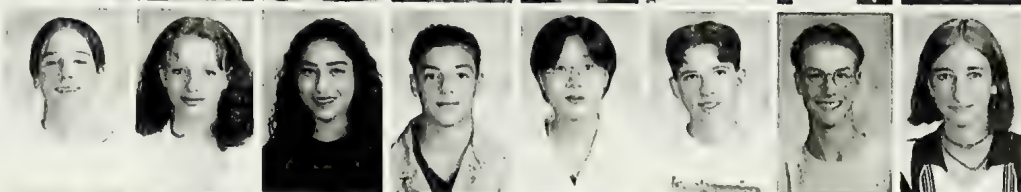
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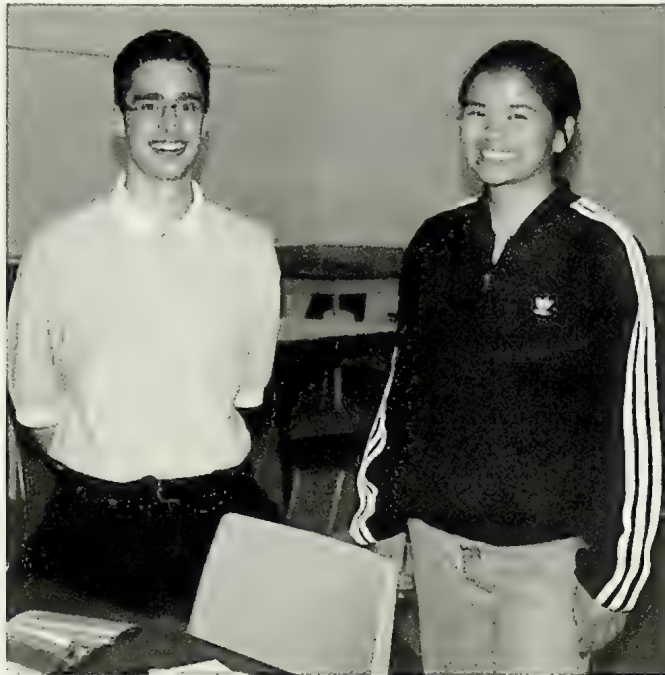
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Yearbook

No advisor (teacher to supervise) for three months + disappearing editor + very few members = **VERY LATE** Yearbook. Yeah, it's late and we can't say anything but **SORRY!** But, it was finally finished thanks to diligent work by Rick Cheong and Kevin Liew. If it weren't for them, your yearbook would still be unpublished.

Above Right - Craig Orrell and Julie Wong in their element. (In class and doing nothing)

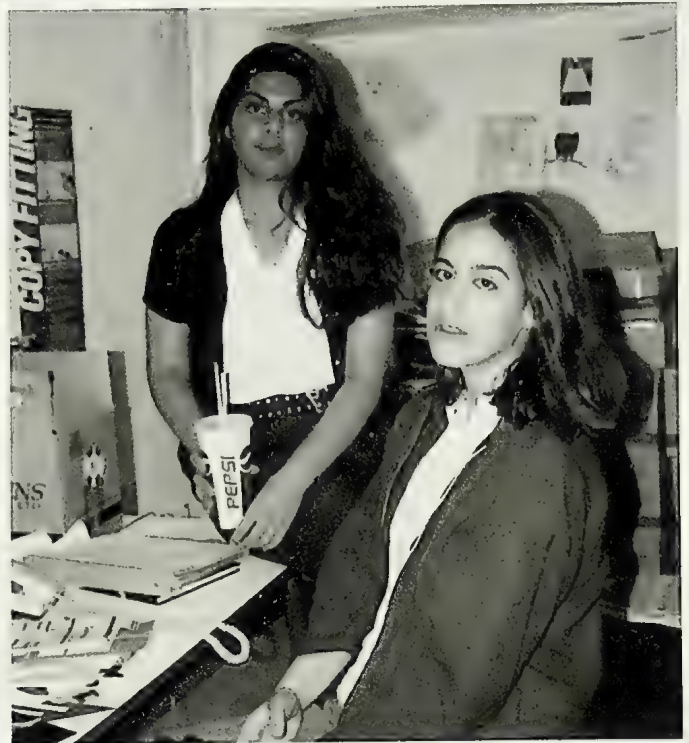
Right - Back: Craig Orrell, Mr. Bateman, Kevin Liew, Rick Cheong. Middle: Christal Hill, Jing Deng, Nhat Cam. Front: Julie Wong, Amanda Shultz, Stephanie Rowell.





Top Right - Kevin Liew, a.k.a. year-book saver, and also single, ladies.

Left - Christal Hill working hard at completing the oh-so-demanded yearbook.



Above - Sammy Issa and Jumana Jarrah posing for Vogue. (We stole the negatives).

Left - Amanda Shultz and Stephanie Rowell 'chillin' at the yearbook room.

Who are those people with multiple personalities, multi-coloured clothes, and multi-talents? ...The teachers, of course! and the administration, the support staff... and the list goes on. They are the people who tie the school together and try their best to keep us all out of mischief. I mean, who knows our silly little pranks better than they do? They're the DANDY men and women who tell us to shut up before we make fools of ourselves (sometimes they're too late). They're there when we need them, but too bad they won't let us off the hook sometimes ...



Above: you know, if we train them well, teachers can become very useful slaves. See how they're being good little people by BBQing for us?

Right: Who said all teachers and admin. are grouchy? The only thing I see in Mr. Goin, Mr. Gowans, Mr. Mock, and Mr. Cimolini is happiness.

Below: Some people say that teachers are never fair.

Ooooh, now I see what they mean. Hey! Are they allowed to do that?

Leading The Way



"To be a teacher, you must at first earn the students' trust, then you get ready to POUNCE!!!"
- anonymous



Tacky Teachers



Above: "Put that whipped cream pie in this handsome mouth man!" With his unusual craziness, Mr. Auton anticipates his next delicious dessert.

Below: Our favorite elf, Mr. Jereniuk surprises his student with a stupendous bear hug. Could you tell Santa that I want a Porsche, a mansion, ...



Below: Assistant principle, Mr. Cimolini has a smile for everyone



Below Right: Look! Mr. Soltykewych and Ruldolph! (His Son)



Third to the left: Oooh-High tech work station for Mr. Bateman! He's slaving over the yearbook again.

Second to the left: At Hawrelak Park, Mrs. McIlwraith and her student warm killer smiles up the winter temperature a few degrees.

Left: "Hello? Power 92 plays today's best music, now show me my money!" Janet Wedman, our office secretary, enthusiastically zipping through phone calls as always. We'll miss you Ms. Wedman.

Principal's Message

What is a yearbook? Is it merely a collection of pages between two imbossed covers? A yearbook represents a labour of love. Since last August a group of dedicated, energetic, and hardworking students have been taking photographs, doing layouts, proofreading and a thousand and one other things it takes to produce a yearbook.

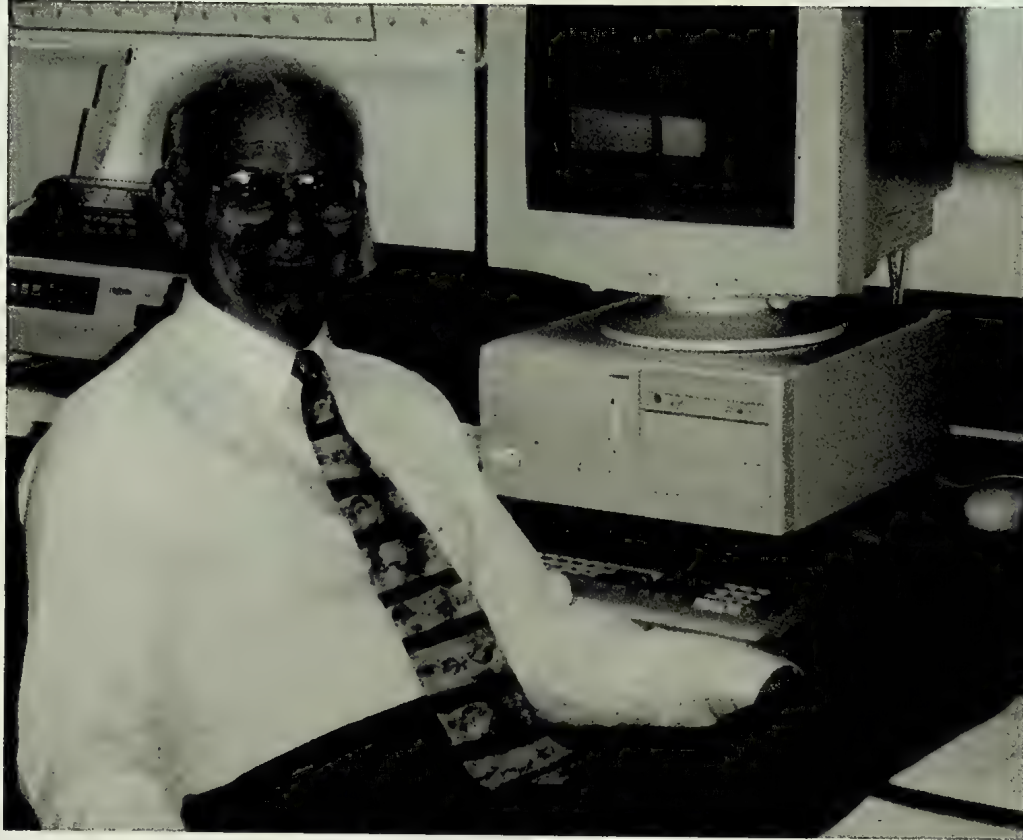
This yearbook represents the collective memories of 1996-'97. Everything is there. The victories and the defeats, the emotional highs and lows, old friends and new, the fun moments and the embarrassing one's are all here like moments frozen in time captured by the camera's eye.

For some this is their last M.E.LaZerte yearbook - it captures all those moments of grade twelve particularly the excitement of commencement and graduation. For others it captures the memories of grade ten and eleven students who have yet to write the final chapters of their high school years. Regardless you who look through these pages are a part of the memories of 1997. Each, in their own way, have left an imprint upon the history of M.E.LaZerte. We hope they are fondly remembered as you look through these pages today and in the many years to come.

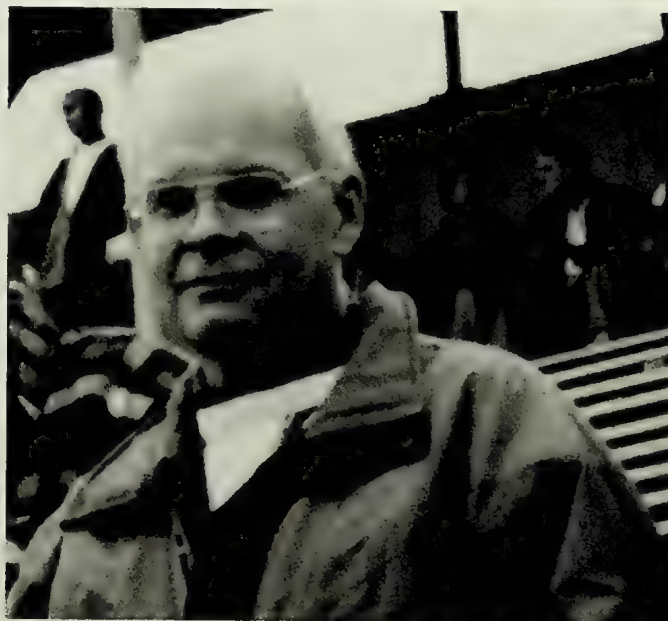
Our thanks to the yearbook staff and Mr. Bateman for compiling this wonderful collection of memories. To everyone our heartfelt best wishes.

Sincerely,

B.C. McWilliam
Principal



Above: The picture of who made it all come true, principal, Mr. McWilliam

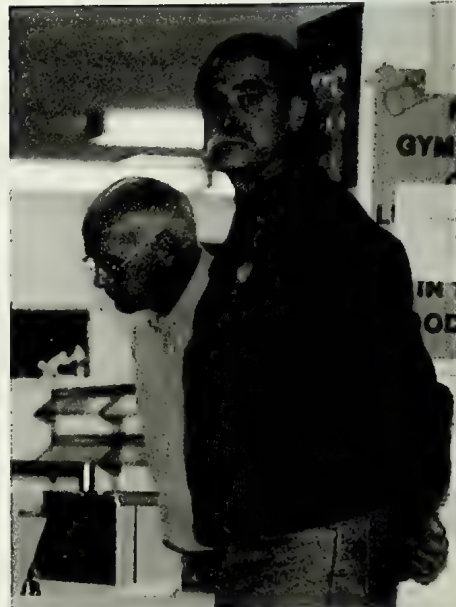


Left: Mr. McWilliam taking time off to watch the Sr. Football Team's final game.

Administration

Below Left - Bill Gowans, Ray Cimolini, Brian McWilliam, Rynie Stewart.

Below - Mr. McWilliam and Mr. Gowans can't keep their eyes on one object.



Office Personnel

Below Left - Back Row: Tara Onushko, Sharon Ashmore, Sheryle Harper, Linda Tipping. Front Row: Lucy Venekamp, Lorelei Rowley, Alberta Bezuko, Elanor Frazer.



Above - Janet Wedman busy typing away at a list of students absent that day.

Student Services

Below: Mr. Meek takes a refreshing drink of pop to cool off in the hot sun.



Above Right: Ross Meek, Rick Gafuik, Peter Smilanich, Joe Danyluk, Margaret Sereda, Linda Tipping, Shirley Denkhaus



Above: Constable Czerwonka shows us his more goofy side. Now is this an appropriate way to influence high school kids?



Above: Tom Mayes and his girlfriend smile at the camera before going back to work. These are only two of the many people who keep the school as clean as possible for the comfort of the student body and the staff.

Cafeteria

Below Left: Len Hallowes, Mara
Luvox, Janice, Denis Donahue,
Pat Roth

Below: Len Hollowes



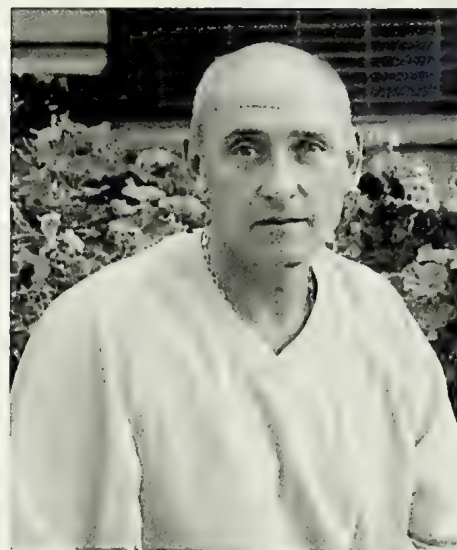
Custodians



Above: Custodial Staff taking a break for pictures.

Phys-Ed

Below Left: Marion McIlwraith, Don Guy, Ms. Elinser, Peter Smith, Bo Jereniuk
Missing: Thom Elniski



Above: Thom Elniski

CB

Below: Linda Christainson,



Below Right - Front Row: David Kates, Mas Kinoshita, Darrel Sumyk, Dmetro Roslewich.
Front Row: Wes Myck, Ms. Somebody Special, Darryl Sutherland, Hans Spect.

Math



Above Left - Mr. Myck's students have lowered him to the point where he has to pick up their pens like a dog.

Below Right - Back Row: Sherrill Harrison, Jean Buffy, Deb Nordheimer, Arnie Collins, Louise Ibbotson, Jim Bererton, Elena Rocco. Front Row: David Doyle, Gerald Stobbe, Kevin Huculak, Kim Malayko.

Science



Above - Mr. Bererton showing that the laws of gravity cannot be defied, hence the paper stays on the table.

Social

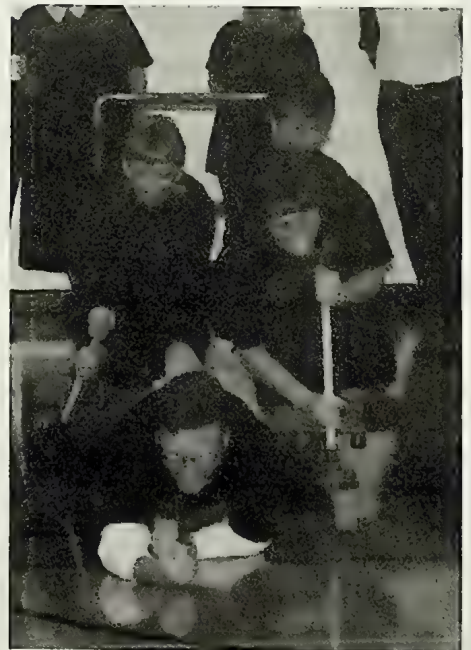
Below Left: Gordon Mercy, Carmel Fraser, Len Kravinchuk, Muriel Polyzniuk, Bob Cathers, Barbara Chemego, Don Mock, Michael Sorochn

Below: Dolores Tewitz and Richard Gosman



English

Below Left: David Auton, Sandra Erickson, Mr. Woodward, Wannita Gemmel, Jeff Goin, Linda Senuik, Shirley Denkhaus, Rena Hughes, Shirley Harris, Jean Watt,



Right: Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Auton, and Mrs. Erickson pump their way to the finish line.

Modern Languages



Above: Paula Russo and Mrs. Fowke sit in the stands during a football game. If you look closely, Linda Hui is there in-between them.



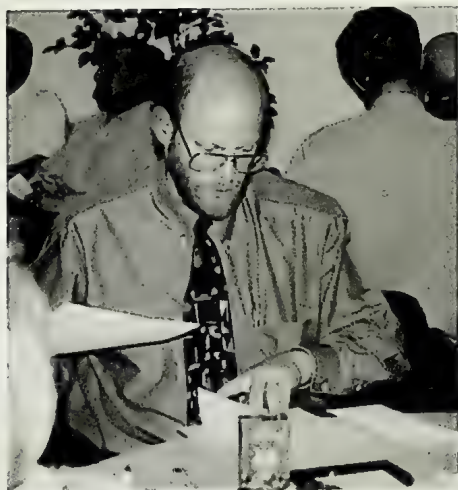
Above: Linda Hui



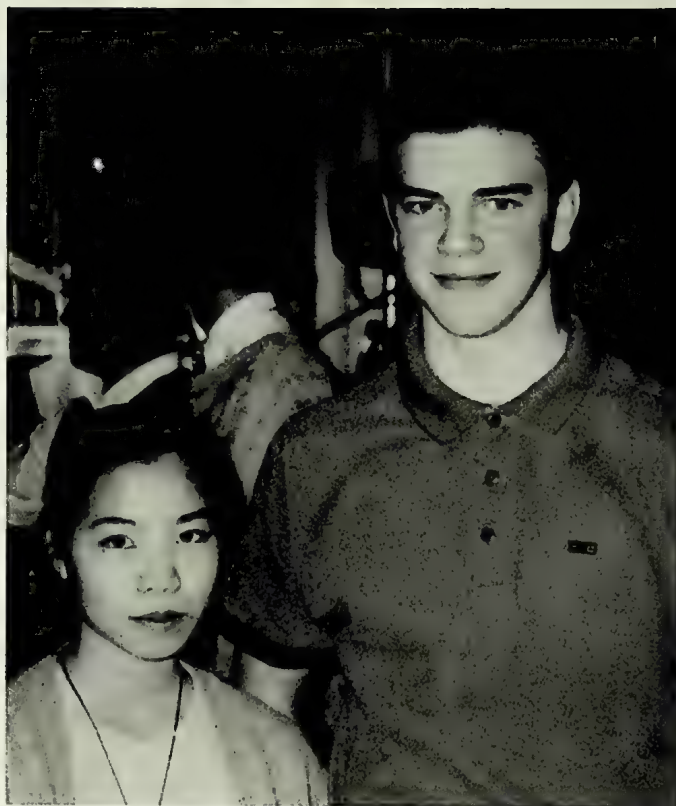
Below: Al Jones files through his papers during a faculty meeting.

Below Right: David Nattress and Al Jones

Fine Arts



School requires hard work and dedication to succeed. Any person can succeed if they really want it. The marks earned in school are an indicator of dedication but the true indicator is how much effort a person puts into her work. Many of the people featured in this section have worked hard, some don't need to, but recognition is given to the achievements of students who excel. It's your choice, to work hard and excel or just "get by" with minimal work but remember anyone can excel.

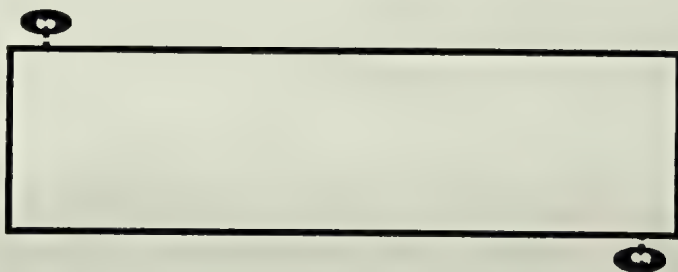


Above - Sean Orchuk and Jing Deng pose for a picture before the Awards Ceremony.

Below - Phil Pereira displays one of his many talents. (Who's the lucky gal attached to this hunk?)



Moving Up





Helping Others On Their Way

If you have noticed all those little kids running around downstairs, you may already know that M.E. runs its own daycare. These little tykes are getting ready for their turn at high school, and what better way to make them feel like one of the "big kids" than to play along with them? This is what the Phys.Ed. 10 students did as they led the kids through many fun and familiar games.



Top Left: A little boy charges the wall of high school students.

Above: The group poses for a picture after an afternoon of pure nostalgia. Wasn't life wonderful when we were all younger?



Top Right: The PhysEd students play "duck, duck, goose" with four new friends.

Above: Everyone gets ready for a race to the finish line. I wonder if the winner was awarded any candy. Hmmm, I think I'm hungry now...

Step Team



Stomp! Stomp! Clap! Clap! HOAH! Is it a herd of insane elephants? No, it's the LaZerte Step Team! They had a marvelous performance at the Snowflake Festival and also performed for an audience at a church during Christmas. As usual, they brought down the house. Members included: Brandy Wright, Richard Kornsavad Khamsaysouk, Stephanie Rowell, Angie Langille, Lesa Marshall, Karen Ketza, Patti Emberley, Kim Glaus, Marty Desjarlais, Lyndsay Bjornson, Jennifer Gillard, and coach Shonelle Mayers.



Top: Step members before their debut at the Snowflake Festival.

Middle: What a show! Go steppers go!

Right: The M.E.L. Step Team lookin' good.



Awards Listing '95-'96

Top Grade 12 Students

Zeal Sydor
Andrew Sung

Top Grade 11 Students

Colette Homik

Top Grade 10 Students

Cameron Makovichuk

Grade 12 Honors

Basaraba, Kristian
Bogach, Teresa
Brown, Michael
Cai, Bi Ying
Canuel, Sean
Carnovale, Cristina
Cheong, Eric
Demkiw, Cameron
Dhaliwal, Kulvir
Dixon, Sherri
Dymichkowsky, Janet
Feculak, Kim
Hansen, Raiven
Heinrichs, Orissa
Kamal, Wasif
Kelly, Jennifer
Kwan, Wilson
Lazaruk, Penny
Li, Heng
Ma, Steven
Manna, David
Mills, Rebecca
Nand, Tanvi
O'Connor, Francis
Parmar, Arvind
Pham, Thuy
Rambaransingh, Brian
Ramdath, Lynn
Remington, Matthew
Sung, Andrew
Sydor, Zeal
Tse, Danny
Wong, Nicholas

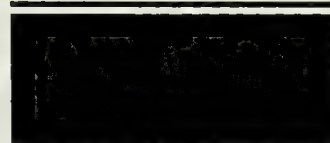
Grade 11 Honors

Andrews, Christopher
Bosiocic, Darko
Bruce, Kevin
Burant, Misty
Cam, Nhat
Cochrane, Neil
Devouge, Kristopher
Friel, Shannon
Greidanus, Christopher
Hall, Jason
Harper, Clinton
Haughton, Cheryl
Hill, Christal
Homik, Colette
Horton, Scott
Kosinski, Brett
Kroker, Christopher
Kwan, Raymond
Mc Murtry, David
Moustarah, Shadia
Napora, Mark
Orrell, Craig
Parker, Stephen
Rahme, Shaymaa
Reynolds, Alissa
Rodych, Mark
Roy, Julia
Sanjevic, Rino
Semenuk, Harold
Spychka, Jolene
Suen, Gloria
Tombe, Ruth
Veerasamie, Jennifer
Wilkes, Karen
Wong, Bobby

Grade 10 Honors

Balkaran, Rohan
Barker, Jennifer
Baroudi, Jamal
Beaumont, Michael
Blazuk, Tanya
Boschman, Carla
Bouska, Katherine
Bryant, Jacinda
Buchynski, Derrique
Canuel, Lise
Card, Suzanne
Carriere, Natasha
Chaglani, Hafiz
Cheung, Francis
Chong, Michelle
Choudhry, Kiran
Chow, Deanna
Chrimes, Corley
Deng, Jing
Dytiuk, Steven
Esteves, Jeffery
Finnie, Angie
Gonek Darren
Hari, Balraj
Jarrah, Janan
Kluchka, Tammy
Laycock, Loretta
Le, Cindy
Lieves, Shawn
Makovichuk, Cameron
Manji, Ali
Manna, Anita
Marit, Brandi-Lee
Marr, Tiffany
Marsa, Dina

Matenchuk, Erinn
Mathewson, Craig
Orchuk, Sean
Ozegovic, Aleksandar
Petryk, Megan
Pham, Linda
Poon, Tom-Harley
Punia, Paul
Richards, Heather
Sanjevic, Karina
Sawaryn, Michael
Slind, Justin
Solowan, Jason
Specht, Melanie
Teslyk, Tiffany
Thomas, Jeffrey
Wirsta, David
Yeung, Christopher



PCL Constructors Inc. Industrial Education Awards

Automotives

Benjamin Hochachka

Communications

Nicolle Rose

Fabrication

Derek Petruk

Construction

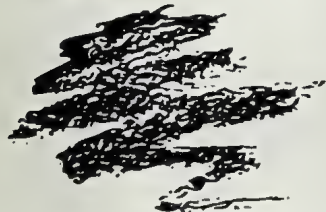
Ron Toly

PCL Academic Excellence Scholarship

Andrew Sung

PCL Techical Excellence Scholarship

Jason Sperling



Household Finance Memorial Scholarship

Katrina Bone

Ken David Memorial Scholarship Award

Aaron Saunter

Humanities Excellence Award

Andrew Sung

Kinsmen Club of Edmonton Achievement Award for Community Service

Shirdi Nulliah

Citizenship Awards

Zeal Sydor

Crystal Emberley

Merit Contractors Association

Asif Khataw

Canadian Arab Friendship Association Certificates of Merit

Ahmad Ali

Aladdin Asfour

Marwan Al-Dayeh

University of Alberta Leadership Awards

Steven Ma

Zeal Sydor

School Awards

Science Awards

Highest Average.....	Stephen Ma, Zeal Sydor
Science 10.....	Jing Deng, Sean Orchuk
Science 10AP.....	Jacinda Bryant, Steven Dytiuk
Science 14.....	Angela Paris
Science 24.....	Grant Gallaway
Biology 20.....	Nhat Cam, Francis Cheung
Biology 30.....	Steven Ma, Andrew Sung
Chemistry 20.....	Colette Homik, Craig Orrell
Chemistry 30.....	Nhat Cam
Physics 20.....	Jennifer Kelly
Physics 30.....	Zeal Sydor

Social Studies Awards

Social Studies 10.....	Paul Punia
Social Studies 10AP.....	Tiffany Marr
Social Studies 13.....	Ryan Lacoursiere
Social Studies 20.....	Tara Weaver, Christopher Kroker
Social Studies 20AP.....	Craig Orrell
Social Studies 23.....	Almin Smajovic
Social Studies 30.....	Andrew Sung
Social Studies 33.....	Thomas Drake

Athletic Awards

Top Female Athletes

D'Entremont

Top Male Athletes

Grade 10....Katherine Bouska

Grade 10....Kam Shushack

Grade 11....Amanda Engman

Grade 11....Joe Haddad

Grade 12....Tonya

Grade 12....Brian Ross

English Awards

English 10.....	Jing Deng
English 10AP.....	Cameron Makovichuk
English 13.....	Fiona Kerr
English 20.....	Kris Devouge
English 20AP.....	Jolene Spychka
English 23.....	Hilary Johnson
English 30.....	Andrew Sung
English 33.....	Nicolle Rose

Fine Arts

Art

Art 10.....David Li

Art 20.....Colette Homik

Art 30.....Michael Brown

Drama

Scott Horton

Music Awards

John Philip Sousa

Laurel Sadownik

Brian Tanke Memorial

Band

Jessica Perin

Languages Other Than English Awards

French 13.....	Kiran Choudhry, Harinder Sandhu
French 10.....	Susan Henderson
French 20.....	Eric Cheong
French 30.....	Eric Cheong
French 31A.....	Rohan Balkaran
French 31B.....	Brian Rambaransingh
French 31C.....	Penny Lazaruk
Ukrainian 10.....	Cameron Makovichuk
Ukrainian 20.....	Tammy Kluchka
Ukrainian 30.....	Kim Feculak

School Awards Continued

Mathematics Awards

Math 10.....	Tanya Blazuk
Math 10AP.....	Michelle Chong
.....	Darren Gonek
.....	Cameron Makovichuk
Math 13.....	Angie Almeida
Math 14.....	Corley Chrimes
Math 20.....	Colette Homik, Rino
Sanjevic	
Math 20AP.....	Gloria Suen
Math 23.....	Ray Leung
Math 24.....	Tammy Anders
Math 30.....	Steven Ma
Math 31.....	Steven Ma
Math 33.....	Brad Crowfoot

Career & Technology (CTS) Award Winners

Automotives.....	Benjamin
Hochachka	
Mechanics.....	Erin Juszkievicz
Cosmetology.....	Angela Trach
Commercial Foods.....	Janice Stobie
Communication Technology.....	Derek Buckingham
Constuction Technology.....	Ron Toly
Design Studies.....	Jason Sperling
Fabrication Studies.....	Asif Khataw
Fashion Studies.....	Colette Homik
Foods.....	Karen Lashkowski
Information Processing.....	Jasdeep Panesar
Legal Studies.....	Trevor Haisma
Work Experience.....	Jonathan Specht

Canadian Mathematics Competition Medal Winners

Cayley Contest (Grade 10)

Randy Tsen

Fermat Contest (Grade 11)

Colette Homik
Nhat Cam

Euclid Contest (Grade 12)

Zeal Sydor

Certificates of Distinction

Cayley Contest

Michelle Chong
Steven Dytiuk
Darren Gonek
Cameron Makovichuk
Jason Solowan
Jeffrey Thomas
Randy Tsen

Fermat Contest

Nhat Cam
Wayne Cheng
Colette Homik
Gloria Suen

Euclid Contest

Zeal Sydor

University of Alberta Academic Excellence Scholarship Program

Eric Cheong
Cathy Ma
Steven Ma
Arvind Parmar
Andrew Sung

APEGGA University Entrance Scholarships

Andrew Sung

Faculty Entrance Scholarships

Michael Brown
Eric Cheong
Steven Ma
David Manna
Arvind Parmar
Andrew Sung

Ukrainian Professional and Business Association Award

Kim Feculak

Ben Sauve Artstrek Bursary

Derrique Buchynski

Alexander Rutherford Scholarship Awards

Al-Khatib, Ahmed
Al-Khatib, Hana
Alwani, Ashifa
Basaraba, Kristian
Beaucage, Ryan
Bissani, Lina
Bone, Katrina
Boschman, Wesley
Bouska, Rachel
Brown, Michael
Cai, Bi Ying
Canuel, Sean
Carnovale, Christina
Cheong, Eric
Cheung, Eric
Chow, Wayne
Cooper, Serena
Danforth, Colleen
Demkiw, Cameron
D'Entremont, Tonya
Dhaliwal, Kulvir
Dixon, Sherri
Dymichkowsky, Janet
Everett, Lee
Feculak, Kimberley
Gretzan, Cody
Hansen, Raiven
Heinrichs, Orissa
Hernandez, German
Hirschfeld, Lars
Ho, Jennifer
Holinski, Alicia

Homa, Sheldon
Kamal, Wasif
Kelly, Jennifer
Kwan, Wilson
Lam, Kenny
Lazaruk, Penny
Li, Heng Jing
Li, Yan
Ma, Steven
Madra, Donald
Manna, David
Marit, Dayton
Mitchell, Robert
Nand, Tanvi
Parmar, Arvind
Pereira, Scott
Pham, Suzie Thuy
Pon, Jordan
Rambaransingh, Brian
Ramdath, Lynn
Remington, Matthew
Sadownik, Laurel
Seniuk, Daniel
Smith, Shawn
Spark, Douglas
Stecyk, Terri
Sung, Andrew
Sydor, Zeal
Tokunaga, Michael
Tse, Danny
Vanderlaan, James
Wong, Holmann

Merit Awards

Grade 12

Al-Khatib, Ahmed
Al-Khatib, Hana
Beaucage, Ryan
Bilawchuk, Brandie
Chandra, Avinash
Chow, Wayne
Hodge, Blaine
Karout, Mona
Luchka, Jeffrey
Mac Queen, David
Master, Sunita
Pon, Jordan
Torbeih, Jihad
Tran, Mylinh
Welke, Paul
Wong, Holmann

Grade 11

Andreychuk, Tara
Borecki, Lisa
Buchan, Dionne
Bussiere, Colin
Darwiche, Nada
Ellis, Gareth
Enokson, Matthew
Hanlan, Cameron
Homeniuk, Melissa
Hunter, Pearl
Kellman, Nadine
Kenny, Kelly
Lardner, Tab
Morin, Curtis
Panesar, Jasdeep
Parke, Heather
Pereira, Philip
Politylo, Jonathan
Rench, Rhonda
Roesler, Bradley
Sahota, Ricky

Sandusky, April
Schultz, Amanda
Umarji, Nazrina
Zack, Derek
Zee, Matthew

Grade 10

Andriashek, Mark
Ashraf, Mariam
Blashko, Melissa
Bruce, Gail
Buerger, Jill
Carroll, Bradly
Chouinard, Quinne
Garrard, Andrew
Gibeault, Dana
Goodman, Stephanie
Hagstrom, Michelle
Hodgson, Sabrina
Holowaychuk, Derek
Jaffer, Nabil
Kendall, Kerry
Lacoursiere, Ryan
Leduc, Candice
LeFort, Jesse
Mah, Jennifer
Martinez, Tim
Moser, Daniel
Pierce, Tuesday
Reynolds, Pamela
Roesler, Bradley
Sahota, Vicky
Staby, James
Stojanovic, Majda
Summers, Daniel
Tanton, Tasha
Tokunaga, Tracie
Tsang, Alan
Vanderlaan, David
Watt, Travis
Wong, Jennifer
Wyness, Janelle

..... Alison Maxwell, Julie Mayes, Becky Mills
..... Brandi Nitz, Francis O'Connor, Jenifer Scott
..... Erin Tennant, Richelle Wandler, Jennifer Williams
Commercial Foods 10..... David Vanderlaan
Commercial Foods 20..... Alan Chong
Commercial Foods 30..... Janice Stobie
Communication Technology 10..... Christal Hill
Communication Technology 20..... Nicolle Rose
Communication Technology 30..... Derek Buckingham
Construction Technology 10..... Michael Au
Construction Technology 20..... Ron Toly
Construction Technology 30..... Heng Li
Design Studies 10..... Michael Beaumont
Design Studies 30..... Jason Sperling
Enterprise and Innovations 20..... Leeann Rozumniak
Fabrication Studies 10..... Jason MacFarlane
Fabrication Studies 20..... Nick Baier
Fabrication Studies 30..... Asif Khataw
Fashion Studies 10..... Corley Chrimes
Fashion Studies 20..... Colette Homik
Fashion Studies 30..... Candance Van Den Biggelaar
Financial Management (Accounting 10).... Michael Reiner
Financial Management (Accounting 20).... Cameron Demkiw
Foods 10..... Rohan Balkaran
Foods 30..... Karen Lashchowski
Information Processing 10..... Tim Martinez
Information Processing 20..... Jasdeep Panesar
..... Brett Kosinski
Legal Studies 20..... Aaron Saunter
Legal Studies 30..... Trevor Haisma
Mechanics..... Erin Juszkievicz
Tourism 10..... Heather Solowan
Word Processing 10..... Loretta Laycock
Word Processing 20..... Rebekah DeSousa
Word Processing 30..... Teresa Bogach

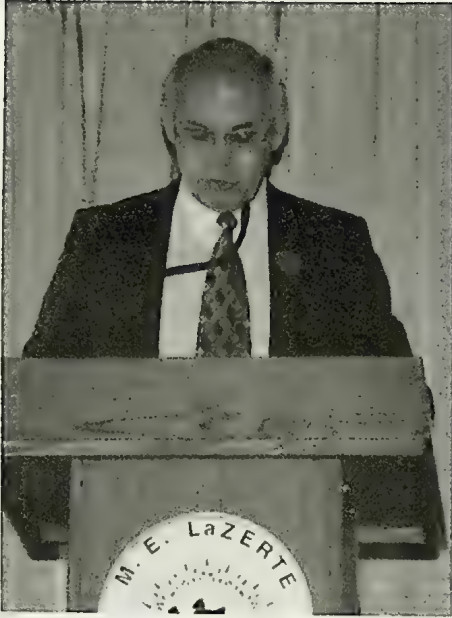
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Automotive Service..... Ahaun Roy, Aaron Hnatiuk
Beauty Culture..... Imah Kamara, Tricia Hanson,
..... Richelle Wandler, Nicole Chipchar, Julie Mayes
..... Polly Ann Green, Breanne Jones, Fiona Kerr
Carpentry..... Asif Khataw, Ron Toly
Computer-Aided Design..... Kevin Bruce, Eric Cheung,
..... Michael Huang, Jason Sperling
Cosmetology..... Fiona Kerr, Breanne Jones, Poly Ann
..... Green, Nicole Chipchar, Julie Mayes, Tricia
..... Hanson, Imah Kamara, Richelle Wandler
Desk Top Publishing Harlod Semenuk, Jasdeep Panesar
Fashion Studies..... Cleo Vongsamphanh
Food Preparation..... Janice Stobie, Troy Yacie
Internet..... Brett Kosinski
Spreadsheets..... Tom Drake
Welding..... Evan Garritty, Mike Hills
Word Processing..... Wayne Y.J. Chow
Fasion Show Co-ordinator... Don Blizzard
Concrete Awards for Excellence in Design Competition
..... Colette Homik, Sabrina Plamondon

Career and Technology Studies (CTS)

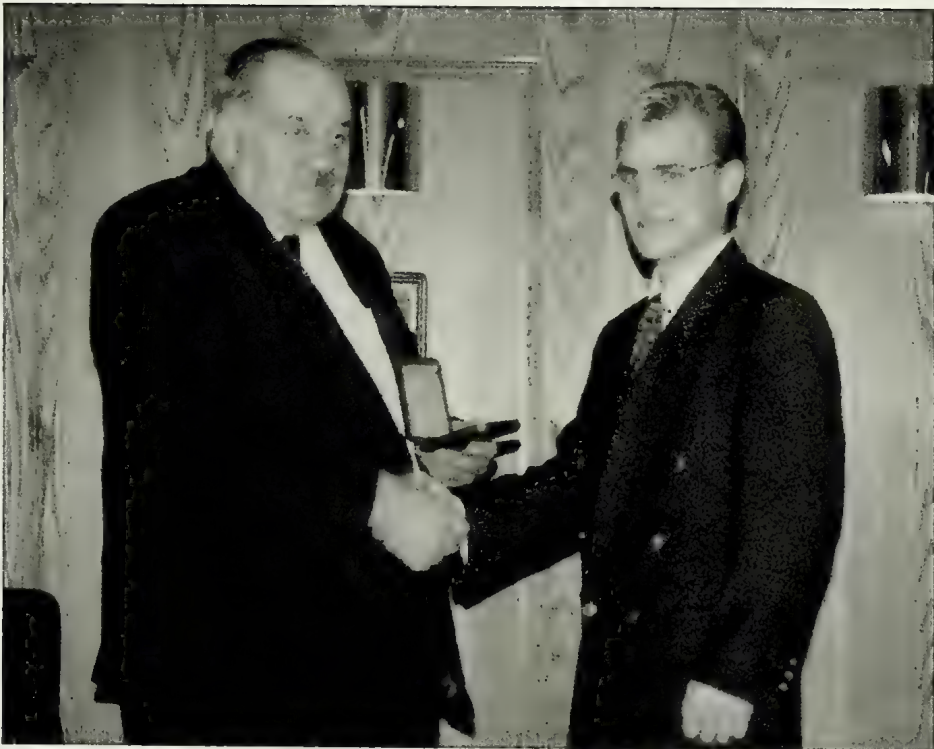
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Automotives 32..... Andrew Radmanovich
Beauty Culture 12..... Fiona Kerr
Beauty Culture 22..... Angela Trach
Beauty Culture 32..... Julie Mayes
Beauty Culture 32D..... Richelle Wandler
Beauty Culture 22 - Clairol Perm Award.... Hilary Johnson
Beauty Culture 22 - Clairol Color Award.... Salenn Tek
Beauty Culture 32 - Tressa Perm Award.... Kara Devouge
Beauty Culture 32 - Tressa Color Award... Imah Kamara
Beauty Culture - Certificate of Completion for 1400 hours
..... Heather Enberg, Pam Gogowich, Tricia Hanson
..... Shannon Kolsteren, Silvia Martins, Jen Masih

On The Up and Up



Top Right: "And in world news today, M.E. LaZerte presents its awards . . ." Colette Homik and Scott Horton pretend to be news anchors.

Top: Mr. McWilliam gives another one of his famous speeches about how valuable and hard working M.E. students are. Don't we know it already?



Above Left: "Aw, you shouldn't have!" Blushing, Shannon Friel shyly takes her award. Hey Shannon, you should be proud of yourself.

Above: Is the Lieutenant-Governor congratulating Zeal Sydor for winning the lottery? Not quite, but I guess being valedictorian makes up for it.



Above: Amanda Engman smiles her widest grin at the camera as she steps proudly down from the stage.



Top Left: I wonder . . . are there any such things as princesses of ceremony? If so, these must be them.

Center: Kate Bouska come on down!!! If you can guess the Right Price, you win the sterling silver toaster!!!



Far Left: Tom-Harley Poon stands amused: "Do you shake with your right hand and receive with the left, or receive with the right and shake with the left?"

Left: You feel so important when you're up on stage. The nervousness is gone . . . then you're out of the spotlight. Oh well, there's always next year.

The first year of high school is finished and life couldn't be better. There are no Diploma exams to worry about (but you're getting there), and your classes suddenly seem easier to find! You're the middle child and no longer are you the youngest nor the shortest, and those new teachers don't scare you so much anymore. You find yourself able to relax and enjoy other things like those extracurricular activities and, of course, sports. However, grade 11's can't get away with everything. There's one thing that you can never seem to run away from, and that's final exam week....



Above: Kate Bouska is guilty of opening the forbidden armed doors and, snickering, runs away ...

Right: Paul Punia, Randy Tsen, Co Tang, Co Loung, Will Mo, Mark Andriashek, and Rohan Balkaran all pose for the camera.

Below: Rosa Simao, Christy Borecki, and Mary-Ann Bruyere seal their threesome friendship in the yearbook. They agreed to take this picture even though they were worried about their bad?? hair day.

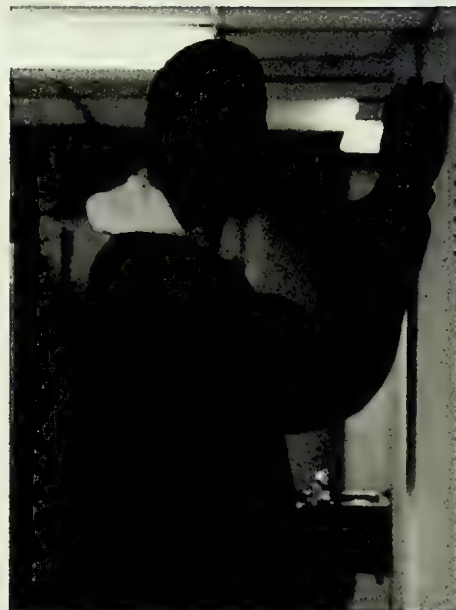


The Middle Child

"What do I like about grade 11? I think the best part is not having to look up to EVERYONE."
- anonymous



The Middle Child

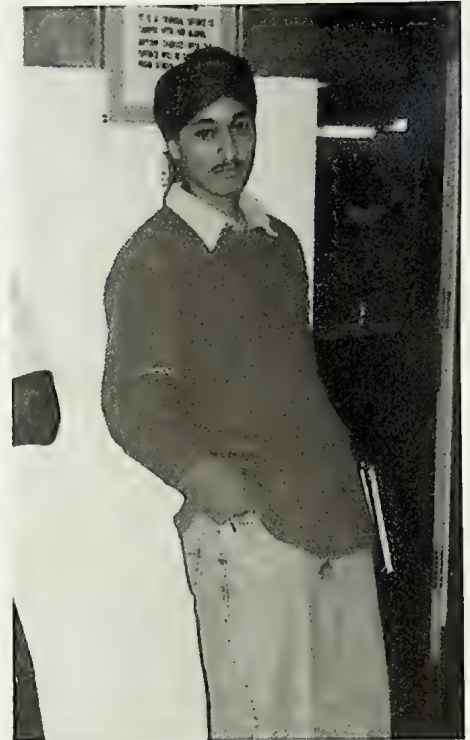


Top Right: David Roberts smiles shyly at the camera, wondering why anyone would want to take a picture of him.

Top Left: Cindy Tang tries to hold Jennifer Wong in the picture and all Jennifer wants to do is get away . . .



Left: Gail Bruce and Tuesday Pearce show their LaZerte school spirit as they sit in attendance at a football game.



Top: Avtar Sidhu stands in cool collectedness, too lazy to do a REAL pose for the amusement of the school.



Far Left: Brad Roesler looks and acts like a fool, but this is only a cover. He is actually in the process of formulating an evil plan to conquer the universe . . .



Bottom Center: Alan Tsang, Gupreet Sehra, Darren Gonek, and Michael Beaumont sit in the cafeteria after eating everything in sight.



Above: Megan Petryk and Kolia Vongsamphanh dominate the Ramp.

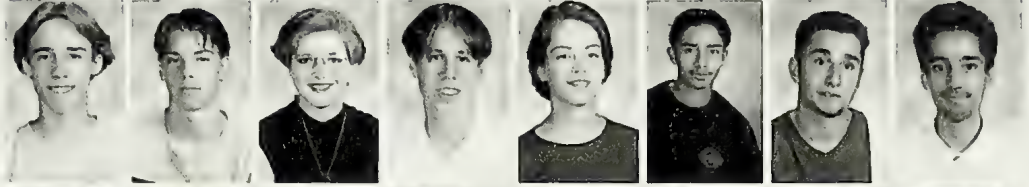
Above Left: Shameer Madhas appears indifferent to everything.

Grade 11 Mugs Abo-Des

Nadir Abougoush
Cameron Agnew
Amin Ahmad
Sagvan Ahmet
Shahla Alam
Eric Albrecht
Farial Ali
Angie Almeida



Neil Amyotte
Mitchell Anderson
Sherry Anderson
Mark Andriashek
Tonia Anselmo
Marvin Araya
Bahaddin Asfour
Baljot Athwal



Daisy Aw
Ghezel Azizi
Rohan Balkaran
Marvin Banos
Jennifer Barker
Jamal Baroudi
Tracy Bearht
Michael G. Beaumont



Neil Karl Bell
Roberta Bentz
Laura Bigelow
Heather Biller
David Bishop
Lindsay Bjarnason
Gary Bjork
Amanda R. Blakney



Melissa Blashko
Tanya Blazuk
Christy Borecki
Carla Boschman
Roschana Bounket
Dennis Boupasiri
Katherine M. Bouska
Tracy Brochu



Richard Brown
Shawn Brown
Gail Bruce
Mary-Ann Bruyere
Jacinda Bryant
Derrique Buchynski
Monica Buczynski
Jill Buerger



Amber Burchert
Justin Butlin
Will Canessa
Lise Canuel
Suzanne Card
Chris Cardenas
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Galloway Carroll



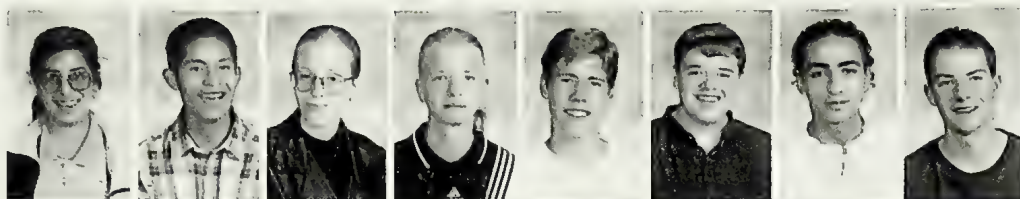
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Joyce Cheung
Michelle Chong
Quinne Chouinard



April Cote
Jolene Cusack
Nadia Dahrouj
Justine Danis
John Decoine
Brett Delisle
Jing Deng
Marty Desjarlais



Grade 11 Mugs Dhi-Hub



Shallu Arora Dhingra
Francisco Dimas
Kim Dinning
Daniel Dodsworth
Stephen Doell
Raymond Dovich
Joe Dowaidi
Gregory Dowdy



Curtis Dreger
Jill Driol
Michelle Drummond
Misty Rae Dubois
Steven Dytiuk
Nadia Eid
Madina Elamki
Sally Elbenhawy



Tovah Elniski
Patty Emberley
Jeffery Esteves
Melanie Ettinger
Darcy Evoy
Richard Ferguson
Marilyn Ferreira
Jeremy Finn



Angie Finnie
Rebecca Fodchuk
Chad Forcier
Crystal Fox
Shane Foxall
Curtis Fraser
Kirstin Fulfit
Katherine Gallacher



Andrew Garrard
Andrea Geddes
Lisa-Marie George
Dana Gibeault
Jennifer Gillard
Kimberley Claus
Jackie Glessing
Rebecca Godsell



Siann Goebel
Carrie Gogowich
Darren Gonek
Stephanie Goodman
Tara Goossen
Polly-Ann Green
Kamaljit Grewal
Chad Griffiths



Paul Griffiths
Darryl Grimstead
Paul Ryan Grovet
Narcis Hadzismajlovic
Michelle Hagstrom
Errick Hanoman
Amanda Harding
Balraj Hari



Harmeet Hari
Christopher Harms
Shannon Harshey
Laura Harvie
Jonathan Haslam
Ross Hehr
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Trudy Hnatiuk



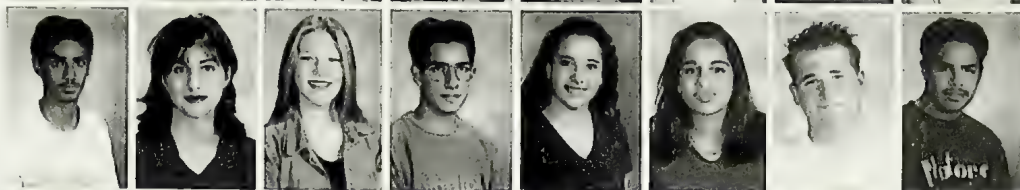
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Adeel Hussain
Craig Hutchinson
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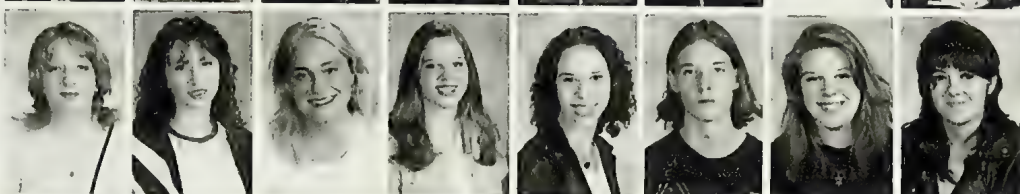
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Grade 11 Mugs Luu-Rod



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Shane Mahon

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Ali Manji
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Tiffany Marr
Dina Marsa
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Nader Rabah
Rahim Raghavji

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Heather Reed
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Heather Richards
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Graham Robson
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Sheldon Ruryk
Sinisa Ruzmanovic
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Mariam Sai
Kevin Salahub



Mona Saleh
Basheer Salih
Khalil Salloum
Shawn Salloum
Stephen Sams
Harinder Sandhu
Karina Sanjevic
Michael Sawaryn



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Bradley Schnabl
Marcus Scoffom
Tanja Sedore
Alicia Segin
Gurpreet Sehra
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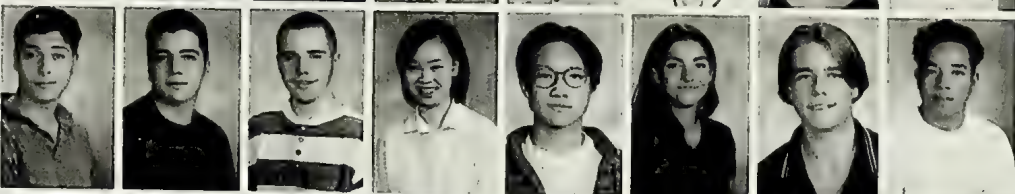
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Kenneth Stanley
Jamie Stewart
Majda Stojanovic
Daniel Summers



Sam Sweiss
Tarick Taha
Adam Tallick
Cindy Tang
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Tasha Tanton
Brian Taylor
Kadenn Tek



Janelle Terry
Tiffany Teslyk
Jeffrey Thomas
Badre Tijini
Alan To
Teena Todd
Emmanuel Tombe
Gerry Toornstra



Mike Topolnisky
Greg Townend
Bradley Trach
Cheryl-Lee Trynchuk
Alan Tsang
Randy Tsen
Zara Turkman
Sheila Ulvstal



Grade 11 Mugs Uss-Zay



Nadia Ussyk
Ali Valani
Fay Vallette
Vincent Vandale
David Vanderlaan
Zuleyma Vasquez
Yuth Vith
Trevor Voysey

Matthew Walker
Amy Warren
Travis Watt
Jacalyn Weaver
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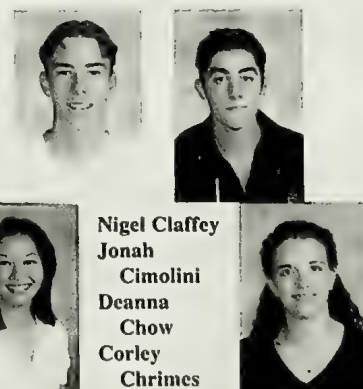
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Jody Albert
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Mariam Ashraf
Christopher Babij
Sabrina Barone
Kelly Basaraba
Sherry Baxter
Shanna Butchart
Jose Castillo
Renita Chand
Deanna Chow
Corley Chrimes
Jonah Cimolini
Nigel Claffey
Ronald Claridge
Lloyd Clark
Scott Curtis
Lee D'Entremont
Jamie Danyluk
Hussein Ebrahim
Ben Eisenkrein
John Farina-Livert
Lawrence Fehler
Dennis Fiddler
Larissa Garcia

Clayton Gaudry
Aaron Gommeringer
Kelley Hanna
Jarrad Harris
Shannon Harris
Jennifer Harrison
Meleena Hubenig
Chris Kile
Sinisa Kuzmanovic
Julie Lal
Francis Leblanc
Jesse Lefort
Shalan Lovenuk
Co Luong
Dale Martin
Deanne Miketon
William Mo
Blaze Munro
Nileshni Narayan
Roddy Okimow
Dwayne Owen
Candice Parkinson
Lonnie Penney
Linda Pham
Daniel Poonan
Rob Prowse
Devon Richardson
Blair Ross
Paul Sanderson

Awad Sanduga
Marie Shank
Tanya Sheehan
Kristin Sommers
Dallas Starr
Katrina Stemmler
Tamara Stewart
Tracy Supernault
Rob Szwagierczak
Luy Van
Traci Watson
Brenda Zambrano
Casper Zuurdeeg



Nigel Claffey
Jonah
Cimolini
Deanna
Chow
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Europe Trip

The trip was enjoyable for everyone. Each person surely has his/her own memories of this wonderful experience. We're sure Bobby Wong won't forget his first exposure to explicit European techno!! Suzanne Card luckily survived a messy experience in the Paris metro (right grease face!). Kate Bouska will always remember her musical interlude while ascending the Eiffel Tower. Rohan Balkaran will be sure to pack a powerful hairdryer on future trips, just in case anymore bottled water breaks in his suitcase. Karen Weiss and Cheryl Eskiwi proved that they could join the dancers as Electric Circus, when they broke it down at a Discotheque in Florence. Crystal Koren boosted the European Economy with her frequent souvenir buying. In Sorrento Aubdiegob (Aubrey Campbell) cracked the case of the steamed up car windows (wink, wink, nudge, nudge Aubie!!). The oddball teacher travelers, Fowkster and Russina, contributed key phrases like "avancezs'il vous plait," and, "sockameiseegolly wippers." Kate and Suzanne have lived down their gelato addiction (mmm. Café, ahhh). How about those European washrooms to fush please push, pull, yank, stomp, turn, flick, wave or smile. FLUSH!! Even if we do forget some of the highlights of the trip we can always ask Artistic Field and her mom to show us their documented home video of the whole trip. Vive l'Europe.



Spring break '97 saw a group of twelve voyageurs in Europe. Paris in the springtime was magical with perfect weather accompanying us to Easter Sunday Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral; a boat ride on the river Seine and a hike up the Eiffel Tower.

An overnight train took us to the sunny and warm French Riviera where we visited Nice, Monaco and a perfume factory in the medieval village of Eze.

Our next stop was across the Italian border to the leaning tower of Pisa and the Field of Miracles. From Pisa we traveled on to Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance, where we saw Michelangelo's statue of David the Santa Croce Cathedral and the Duomo. We were greeted in the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, and then on to Rome where we visited the Colosseum, Spanish steps, Trevi Fountain, Vatican and the Sistine Chapel. Next we toured the city of Pompeii, at the foot of Mt. Veseeirus before travelling to Sorveneis port and sailing to the isle of Capri.

Top: Dinner together on the Italian Riviera L-R: Mrs. Field, Crystal Koren, Aubrey Campbell, Cheryl Eskiwi, Kate Bouska, Karen Weiss, Suzanne Card, Rohan Balkaran, Bobby Wong, Teachers: Mrs. Russo, Ms. Fowke, and Artistic Field.

Middle: On Tour at Pompeii with Vito as our guide.

Left: Sitting on the steps of Sacre Couer Basilica in Paris. Front Row: Crystal Koren, Bobby Wong, Suzanne Card, Kate Bouska. Middle Row: Artistic Field, Aubrey Campbell, Karen Weiss, Cheryl Eskiwi. Back Row: Rohan Balkaran

Candid



Above - Mr. Myck and Nabeel Gerbara getting whipped cream in their faces or are they taking a bath together? Who knows, maybe one day we will find out.

Below - I bet you this is going through her mind, 'what's going on?' I can't see past the person in front of me.



Top Right - Mr. Sumyk trying to locate his set of notes for the day that the students have it under their books.

Right - We shouldn't always try to finish our English essay during lunch because it just doesn't work.



Above - Mr. Bateman's P.L.S. 30 class taking another unscheduled break during valuable class, again.

As the fall sports end their final games and celebrate their victories, what else is there to look forward to? More sports, of course! As the spring rolls in and the grass looks green again, soccer and rugby quickly replace football. Badminton, and swimming soon become the ideal sports for the scorching weather ahead. It seems there's no end to the sports craze, and all the better for the student body (who should be out cheering their home team) and the players, whose love of sports outweighs their love of the television, and those multi-talented jocks can be active all year long...

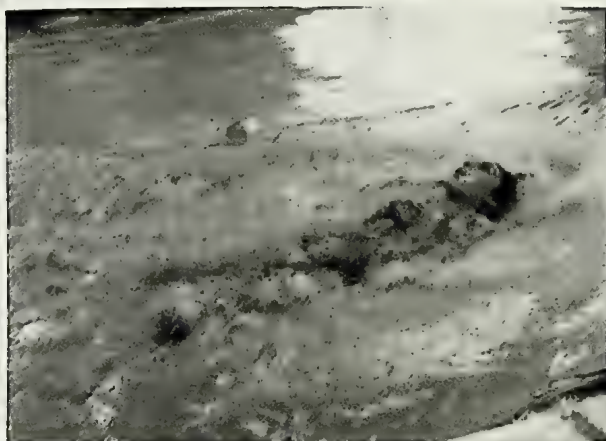


Above: Alan Chong walks out to the soccer field to get ready for a big game.

Right: The rugby team rushes up like an ocean wave as they fly towards the ball.

Spring Sports

Below: Vicky Sahota practices her back stroke.



What would the world be like if there was no sports?
- anonymous



Basketball



Top Left - Gerard Dukart, Dion Bochar, Mustafa Cetin, Jamal Baroudi, Brett Fixsen, Ziad Shibley, Mr. Smith.

Bottom Left - Alan To, Ricky Ma, Nenad Trkulja, Alec Ozegovic, Justin Butlin, Charles Winegarden



Above - Speed demon Ricky Ma speeds his way down the court leaving his opponents biting his dust.

Right - Justin Butlin deciding what to do.



Top Right - Mustafa Cetin show us the right way to shoot.



Middle Right - Gerard Dukart making the perfect lay up.



Top - Ulana Izio, Jana Romanick, Julie Marko, Joanna Sexaur, Belinda Kanis, Cheryl Caissie, Vicky Sahota.
Bottom - Daizy Aw, Michelle Woelinga, Natasha Carriere, Kristy Khan, Reena Dhillon
Missing - Thu Do



Above - Kristy Khan, Thu Do, Belinda Kanis and Reena Dhillon stop for a moment to pose for the camera.

Far Left - Air Vicky goes for the perfect shot in the game.

Left - Boy am I ever tired.

Below - Reena Dhillon deciding which way to go.



Showing Off

Fashion is the expression of one's personality and attitude. Since the Fashion Show of M.E. LaZerte was more than awesome, M.E. LaZerte must also be one awesome school. The Fashion show displayed at M.E. was full of flash and glitter. The clothes on display were fresh, cool and amazing - just like the models.



Above - Ricky Sahota strutting his way to fame and fortune.



Right - Delane Druteika focused on looking good - it seems to be working.





Opposite Page, Top - Wow, call the police because it's gotta be illegal to look that good

Top Right - Paddy, Sandy, Alex, and Ming show that looking good is very simple.

Opposite Page, Middle - Karen, Stephanie and Teresa beautiful, bold babes.

Above Left - Dancing away the night and looking good while doing it.

Top Left - A pose for the century by Emily and Ming.

Above - Jonathan and Jessica make a cute couple, don't they?

After the Chaos

Top Right - Emily and Erin Juskiewicz, beautiful and talented, what a combination.



Above - Ming Yeung and Alissa Reynolds, Prince Charming, and Goldilocks in the same fairy tale.

Top Left - David Kamarynsky and Kim Shave, mannequins, I think not!

Bottom Right - Alex Tsen and Amina Sleiman - Real still life art.

Soccer

Below - Either he's falling or he's trying to hide his face from us.

Middle - The fans, willing to sit outside to watch the Sr. Boy's Soccer team. Notice that they are all girls.



Above - The Sr. Boys gathering around to set up their game plan.



Above - Keeping your eyes on the ball is always a good idea, unless some one is chasing you.



Top - Hala Aldayeh, Marcie Nytchay, Shannon Friel, Sammy Issa, Cathy Chung, Miss Illenseer.
Bottom - Reena Dhillon, Jumana Jarrah, Belinda Kanis, Janan Jarrah, Stephanir Rowell
Missing - Crystal Velichka, Amal Awad, Samara Tuha, Heather Tiemstra, Nicole Grelldanus.

BADminton



Left - It's Minda's winning point... she lunges for the ball! There's a moment of blackness which soon clears and she won! she won!

Above - This is what badminton thrives upon: enthusiasm.



Above Left - It's the hostile look that brings your opponent into submission.



Top Right - Mr. Myck reaches for the birdie, thinking: "I can't lose to this kid..."

Top Left - Mr. Myck and Jennifer Ho are focused and intent on winning this doubles badminton match.

Cheerleading



The cheerleaders had a very successful year. From the football games to the Victoria School City Championship Cheerleading Tournament, they always dazzles the crowds and got the spectators involved. Mr. Hui and the girls worked hard and made this a great year for cheerleading. Without them, I don't know how to enjoy sports.



Top - Coach: Roberta Plache, Kim Couvreur, Lisa Shiptiski, Tammy Anders, April Sandusky, Tiffany Schierling, Ms. Hui. Bottom: Adrianna Van de Groep, Selene Hunter.

Above - At a football game, the cheerleaders worked on what they did best, cheering and getting the fans going too.



Above - Tiffany looking pretty for the camera.

Boys' Rugby

1996-1997 Rugby Season

M.E. LaZerte fielded two teams this year, a men's team and a ladies team. Both teams seasons characterized by learning, rather than winning. The names Rhonda Rensch and Travor Jerome stand out as players who reached individual excellence. Mr. Goin and Mr. Antoniuk, the coaches this year were encouraged by the large number of grade 10 players, and the spirit and attitude they brought to the games. We hope to build on this excellent base of talent and enthusiasm. Rob and Richard Engels were important in making the men's team possible. Crystal Sinclair's contribution as the ladies coach was an absolute Godsend for the ladies' team. We should make note that Rob, Richard and Crystal are all LaZerte Alumni, and are now playing for the Pirates RFC. It was good building year. Mr. Goin and Mr. Antoniuk thank all of the players and coaches.



Above: The boys rugby team having a small talk after they finished their game.

Below: LaZerte gets the ball.

Bottom: Who will win the tug of war?

Below: Getting a little bit of help in the line out so that they could get the ball.





Above - After the kickoff, the ball comes flying toward the photographer.

Left - The Girls' Rugby team stretching out after their tiring game.

Center - Enemies during the game and allies at the finish.



Below Center - "I got the ball!" ... "No, I got the ball!"

Bottom Left - Water ... <gag> ... Water We need water!"



Below - Just before the lineout begins, the girls take their last minute stretches.

Candid



Above: These two rough, tough senior football players posing for the camera just before the shower they really need.

Below: Burr . . . It's gets really cold out watching football games but it is a good idea to have friends along.

Top Left: the bad way, Center Left: and the good way of organizing your canoe races.

Scuba

The voyageur SCUBA Club for 1996/97 was a "very" enthusiastic group. In spite of a chilly weekend 6 students were certified as open water divers. Cameron Makovichuk, Erin Matenchuk, Melanie Specht, Heather Biller, Michelle Hagstrom and Graham Robson had a great weekend in Jasper Park camping and diving. Congratulations to the new divers. What was that about a trip to Cozumel? Bahamas? Grand Camen? Anywhere, as long as its "WARM"!



Washing Out The Opposition



Left - The senior boys pose for the camera after a hard day's work of playing football.

Center Left - Better duck now! The ball is coming our way!

Center - The soccer team gets ready because someone just threw the ball their direction.

Below Center - Two of our senior boys double team one of their opponents.

Below - Brett Fixsen airing out his shirt while Andrew Tse looks the other way.





Above Left - Alan Chong waits restlessly on the sideline for someone to let him play.



Above Right - The Junior Boys Football Team sitting beside their trophy during one of our pep rallies.

Center Left - The picture was almost perfect 'till one of the other team's player decided to ruin it.

Center Right - Bobby Wong getting ready for the ball while Alek Ozevovic watches on.



Bottom Left - Emmanuel Tombe getting ready to throw the ball back into the field.

Bottom Right - The Junior Girls Volleyball team practicing their moves while Mrs. McIlwraith lazily watches from the bench.





Left - I wouldn't want to play soccer, it hurts too much

Below, Left - Look at me! I'm going jogging with so much clothes on! But, it is still too cold.

Below - Kate and Jumana try to look a bit more enthusiastic even though they are mighty tired.



Above Left - We volleyball players sure look good when we're off the court.

Left - Noo!!! Don't head the ball! We want a goal! Not a field goal!



How would the school and its students survive without clubs? They provide sanctuary for those members who want time away from the pressures of homework but are crazy enough to want to bombard themselves with other stuff, and also fun and excitement for the rest of the student body. Clubs are especially important for those who ache to get involved with the school, but can't seem to make it through those horrifying cuts and bruises during sport tryouts. So, hey, come join one of the many clubs. They're all waiting for you with a warm welcome . . .



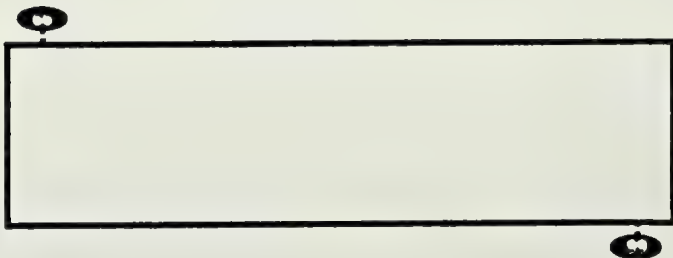
Above - Nhat Cam and Craig Orrell look over their graduating photos in an effort to pick out the best one.

Right - Harold Semenuk, Scott Horton, and Kent Swanson look proud as they finish another successful student union event in the rotunda.

Bottom Left - Stephanie Rowell and Amanda Schultz sit in the radio room letting the school know how happy they are.



Clubs





Students' Union

The Student Council has always looked after it's students. This year Scott Horton was the President and organized many worthwhile events for the students of M.E. Blood donor clinic, pie throwing, arm wrestling, lip sync and many more events were available for students to take part in. Without the Student Council, school would be, well, school.

Top - Dave Hodges watches closely as Kate Bouska challenges Sammi Issa to an arm wrestle.

Right - Colette Homik, business like as always, stands as spokes person for the grade 12's.

Bottom Center - Kent Swanson, Bobby Wong, their mystery friend, and Harold Semenuk relax and soak their feet by the school barbeque. Kinda makes you want to join them, doesn't it?

Far Right, Top - Oh, is the poor baby, Dave Hodgess, crying because president Scott Horton didn't give him a lollipop?



Above - Sheila helps a little child with his Christmas Stocking.



Below - Loretta Laycock takes her time as she fixes tiny, intricate details on her Christmas stocking at the student union Christmas party.



Right - And now introducing the head honcho of student council, the one and only Scott Horton!



Club Candid



Left - Phalene Featherstone and Steven Dytiuk give a friendly smile from the Radio Club.

Below Middle - Can we really call Dave Hodges candid when he's seen here with sidekick Mary Cogan during a pep-rally?

Bottom - Why is Stephanie Rowell so happy? It must be because she was rollerblading in the school and didn't get caught!

On January 14, M.E. held its International Baccalaureate Conference. For those who have never heard of I.B., it's a program designed to challenge those brainiacs who don't find A.C. stimulating enough. Three of our own M.E. students (Colette Homik, Cameron Makovichuk, and Ricky Ma) led eligible gr. 9 students from many different junior highs in the North through several seminars, trying to convince them that M.E. is the ideal school. Guest speaker Dr. Jack Lin informed the kids about Mandarin (not the orange) in the lecture theatre. Next year M.E. will be offering I.B. in all major subjects and Mandarin.



Top Right: Not everyone thinks school is boring. This girl seems quite entranced by M.E.

Top Left: Mr. Bererton mixes a funny concoction for the gr. 9's. Watch out! Will it explode?

Left: Dr. Jack Lin lectured the students about the Chinese language.

Above: Wow! Snack time!! Wouldn't it be great if the whole school got free cookies?



Above: Mrs. Senuik digs into the Caesar Salad at the I.B. dinner. Uh, where's dessert?





M.E. LaZerte's Radio Club this year was anything but dull. Their groovin' choice of tunes always seemed to brighten up the lunch hours. The radio crew consisted of Mike Topinsky, Shawn Lievers, Noy Vongsamphanh, Quinne Chouinard, Cinde Le, James Werenka, Matthew Martin, Kelly Krenze, Kate Bouska, Byron Wallis, Scott Henning, Janelle Wyness, Aaron Muiselaar, Steven Dytiuk, Phalene Featherstone, Amanda Schultz, Stephanie Rowell, and Jasdeep Panesar. The Radio Club began early in the year and continued on until June. Our choice of songs ranged from Disney to the Nine Inch Nails. Extreme was the only way to go. Our friendly, well-mannered radio appearance was deceiving. Yes, it's true that we had a few run-ins with angry teachers who didn't appreciate after-lunch-hour music, but that didn't damper the radio club's spirits. We kept blasting the great music. To say the least, the radio club **ROCKED!!!**

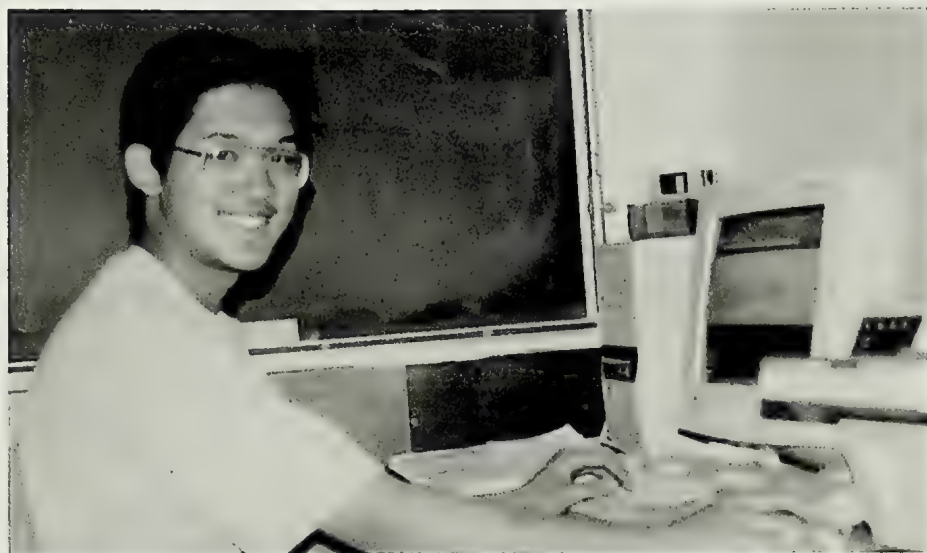
Left: Phalene Featherstone and Steven Dytiuk contemplate over what C.D. they should play next. Oh, decisions, decisions!!!



Top Left: "Oh my, a camera!! I'm so-ooo embarrassed!!!" exclaims a startled (my, my, my, she's a very convincing actress) Amanda Schultz while Stephanie Rowell displays her magnificent singing - or shall we say yodelling - ability.

Above: "Hmmm-mm, I wonder what song they'll play next."

Editor's Message



Well, I guess hard work pays off. It took sometime but at least it's done. This yearbook is titled *Life Is A Voyage*. The yearbook explores the idea of how through life we "travel" down our own rivers, being either a leader or a follower. Once in awhile we encounter really bad times but one way or another, we make it through. A yearbook is a book that contains many memories that we all share. It is used as a reminder of past events or a reference to who and what was done. A yearbook represents the student body, its way of thinking and how different we all are from each other. We encountered some problems with this yearbook. We didn't have an advisor from the first 3 months; we had mix ups with the pages and little things like that, we got it done with a lot of hard work. Now for the hardest thing of all, acknowledgements of all the people that lent a finger or a huge hand. First of all, the yearbook crew, Craig Orrell, Stephanie Rowell, Amanda Schultz, Julie Wong, Christal Hill, Sammy Issa, Jumana Jarrah, and Nhat Cam, who did the best they could to help. Thank you also, to all the students who contributed their time, pictures or events that are put in the yearbook. Special thanks to John and Glenna, representatives of Jostens who helped us on whatever we needed help in. A very big thanks to Mr. Bateman for the patience, time and money he dedicated into the yearbook. To Mr.

Goin, who understood our situation, Jing Deng who did most of the work, and Kam Deng for her assistance. Mr. McWilliam for his patience and tolerance because if he said so, there could be no yearbook. Last but not least, Rick Cheong who did the dreaded thing I would never do, typing. To tell you the truth, he literally typed till his fingers cramped and his eyeballs fell out. I could have never done it without him. I'd like to apologize for the mistakes, miss outs and teams we have left out in the process. I tried to put together everything, but some pictures and write-ups could not be found. Well, I hope you like what we have done to help make your 1997-98 yearbook come true. If you want to aid in one of our school's most cherished item, join the yearbook crew! Anyway, all's well that ends well! In the meantime, Enjoy.

Kevin Liew

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Finally, after years of hard work, you have reached the most exciting and eventful year of your life: Grade 12. However, it's also time to face the dreaded DIPLOMA EXAMS. You've been through just about everything, and now it's time to enjoy and get on with the rest of your life. But for some of you, you may be going to Post Secondary Institutions for a couple (hundred) years and hopefully your friends and family will be there to see you through that part of your life. Then you can decide what you want to do with the rest of your life. By the meantime, enjoy the time you have right now, and try to have fun while you're still at it.

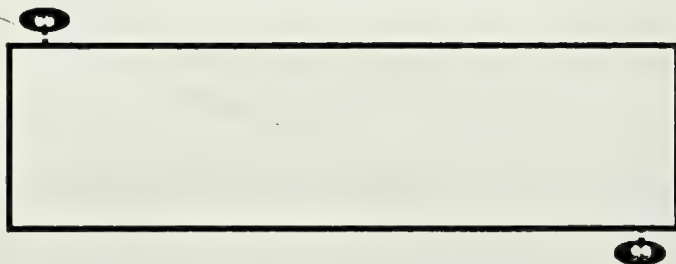


Above - Heather & Nicole dazzle the camera as their bright smiles light up the hallway.

Right - Ooooh, is there something going on between Rick Antonopoulos and Shane Tiedemann? There's more than one kind of chemistry happening in Mr. Bererton's chemistry 30 class.

Below - Lawrence Chang, Matt Zee, and their two friends are happy that they've finally finished their supposed 3rd high school year.

End Of The Journey





Grad Candids



Above: Shannon Friel and Phillip Pereira: the ULTIMATE couple.

Erin and Amanda: In Dresses????!!



Top Left: Millaray Garrido, Stephanie Rowell, and Amanda Schultz looking pretty and making memories.

Above: Chris Greidanus and Amanda Bruyere - Making a toast to the teachers after making their speech...that's not alcohol, is it?

Below: Christal Hill and Nhat Cam, showing off and loving it, but don't they make a cute couple?

A group of girls who are all friends taking their picture before they all go off in separate directions.

Above: Narinder Sandhu and Ruth Tombe: Lovely dresses ladies!!

Below: Amanda Schultz is ready to party!!





Above: Striking a pose at the legislature.

Below: Say Cheese! Boy is it pretty big in a limo.



Above: Jesse, Alex, and Bobby - having way too much fun. Or are they just drunk?

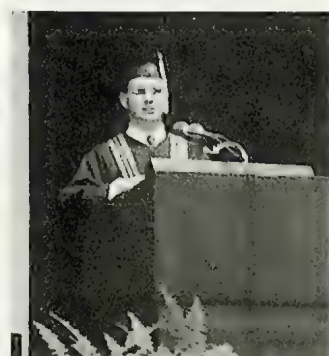
Right: Jennifer Veeresamie and Christal Hill making their last goodbyes.

Left: Jasdeep and Jumana jazzin' it up!

Below: Amina Sleiman, Sammy Issa, and Jamely Smiley Oohhh - hot tamales!

Bottom: Steph, Nikki, and Amanda showing off their monstrous muscles.





Top Left - Nick sure looks proud in his cap & gown!

Top Middle - We even got live entertainment from our school band, what a treat!

Top Right - Sammy, Liz and Saj are happy to be graduating but does it have to be on the same night as the Oilers playoff game!

Middle Left - The camera just caught a private moment between Collette & Scott. Hmmm!

Middle Center - Crystal & Craig gave a great speech!

Middle Right - I wonder what Scott Horton is really thinking about?

Left - Several graduates performing to brighten school spirit.

Grad Council



Banquet: Jasdeep, Amanda
 Secretary: Karen Commencement: Craig, Christal
 Slide Tape Presentation: Jolene, Shannon Fashion
 Show: Susan, Tanya Treasurer: Delaine, Terri Music:
 Rebekah Photography: Sativa, Rhonda. In the end,
 the hard work of the council paid off and Grad '97 was a
 great success. There were many things to be completed;
 speeches, paintings, programs, ticket sales, seating
 arrangements, gown sizing and ordering, the composition
 of music, endless practices, preparation of the stages,
 and the organization of slideshow. It all ended in some
 of the best and most memorable moments for the students
 of M.E. LaZerte's graduating class of 1997. Working on the
 council meant the creation and strengthening of friendships,
 dangerously high amounts of tension, and the gaining of
 valuable experience. The stress really wasn't that bad
 considering about half of the council was writing AP exams
 the same week as Commencement and Banquet, as well as
 renting or buying our outfits for grad, arranging a date,
 a car, and making sure the flowers were nice, and we can't
 forget about stressing over Grad Council. The Council met
 once a week as a group and each sub council met almost
 daily. But in the end we were all proud of our work and we
 hope you all enjoyed Grad '97, we know we did!

Top - From Left to Right, Top to Bottom the following are:
 Row 1: Terri Pincombe, Delaine Drutika, Mr. Auton, Ms. Fowke,
 Mrs. Malayko, Ms. Northeimer, Mr. Stobbe. Row 2: Rebekah
 DeSousa, Christal Hill, Amanda Bruyere, Mme. Russo, April
 Sandusky, Mr. Kinoshita, Sativa Haynes, Tanya Brethour.
 Row 3: Shannon Freil, Karen Laschowski, Craig Orrell, Rhonda
 Rensch, Jolene Spychka, Mrs. Sereda. Missing: Jasdeep
 Panesar, Susan Ross, Mrs. Gemmel, and Mrs. J. Buffi.



Bottom Left - Jessica Schur and Karen Laschowski guarding the main entrance to the fashion show, a fund raiser for Grad.

Bottom Right - I found Jasdeep, no luck finding Susan though. No stress for Jas. He was dreaming of this moment when he would be getting ready to ride with the wind blowing in his...turban. Anyway here Craig Orrell and Jasdeep Panesar get into Jas' Mustang about to cruise off to the Banquet for a night that was full of memories.





Tricia Aksenchuk
Thanks everyone for the awesome year. Neil stay away from ketchup. Amanda one more year make it memorable. Party hard. I intend to! See ya! "If you play it safe in life you've decided that you don't want to grow anymore."



Hala Al-Dayeh
My ambition is to do the absolute best to reach my goals. Thanx girls for the good times. Andrea luv u always. Good luck to the class of 97. "The first step to knowledge is to know that we're ignorant." LUV YA ALL! NOX



Macwan Al-Dayeh
What's up boys. Remember the good times we had skip'n and playing hack at the ramp, and don't forget that luv keeps the world go round but booze keeps it spinning. Thanks to my buddies, parents, teachers and my pouche.



Tammy Anderson
To Moo Sue Dimps Christina Chickee Julie and everyone else, u know who u r love you all, had a blast over the last 3 years, have fun in life and c u over the summer. Lots of luck.



Chris Andrews
I would like to thank Clint Vanessa Dan & the football guys for making these years FUN. WE'RE NUMBER 1. "If a man can be just by the friends he keeps, I must be the luckiest man in town" JB P.S BASS RULZ-CLINT



Tara Andreychuk
"If you can imagine if you can achieve it, if you dream it, you can become it."
- William Ward
Sue I know we'll get our own cooking show someday and camel lovers from all over will tune in. Good luck grads.



Emilio Anselmo
To become an influential business executive.



Nick Antonopoulos
To all the friends and enemies that I will never again see, long life to you, and longer life to me. Thanks to all of my boys for being there, and always remember that ELLAS will never die!



Tricia Arychuk
Thanx Mom & Dad for putting up with me. Thanks for the memories with my 2 only true friends. Heh, Jan stay out of mischief & for Stash stay away from bats. Stephen, you made a difference. Thanks. Stash always remember. BFF!



Adam Assaf



Aziz Istaiyak



Shafia Aziz
Life is what you make it and so is high school, so make it the best! Be successful in everything you are willing to do in the future. Good luck!



Billy Baker



Emily Bandrychuk
To all my friends who graduated this year and last, the memories will last forever! Good-luck and may all your dreams come true! Sandy, I will, I am I can, I have, I Do! My heart smiles for you! Luv to all! Always, Em.



Jeremy Barilla

Nathan Bartley



Steve Beaumont
Future ambition: to be a
pilot in the airforce.
Favourite memory: the
girl at the citadel. If you
ain't cheating you ain't
trying. It's been a great
three years.



Greg Binges



Freda Bishop



Brad Bocchler
These past three years
have been fun pit parties,
May longs. Hack at the
ramp, Red eyes, black and
blue arms. My future
ambition is to be Mr. "O".
See you on E.C.



Jennifer Bonner
Thanx to the people at the
ramp. It's been great
playing hack, listening to
the bass & the fun times
at buds. D.S. we won't let
you fall in the lake this
summer. Thanx S.S. for
everything. Who would've
thought we'd get out
alive.



Rebecca Bonner



Lisa Borecki



Ninoy Bounket
Here's to all the good
times with the boys, S.L.
M.N, A.L., S.P, and NSB.
Live life to it's fullest and
hang on to what you have
'cuz you'll never find
another like it. And
Murph! You're my daddy
and I'm your momma.
Party hard! Cuino.



Sean Bowen
Favourite memory:
Running Tings in '94-'95
B-Ball Future ambition:
Business (legit! of course
:P) Favourite saying:
Don't worry, Be happy,
feel Irie!!! Words of
wisdom: Keep ya head up!



Rosa Branco



Tonia Branco
My ambitions are simple:
To live a healthy,
successful, happy, long
life. I would like to thank
my Mom and Manuel for
making me the person I
am today. Don't worry,
Blake, I will never forget
you. Luv ya.



Tanya Brethour
These three years have
been memorable and will
be cherished always. To
my parents, family,
Sativa (best bud) and high
school love Jason, I thank
you all for the love and
support, but I thank you
more for believing in me.

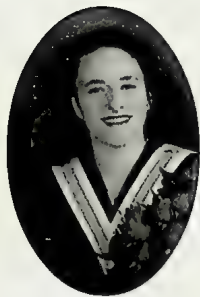


Roxanne Brian
(Blondie) I finally made it,
Mom! Thanx to all my
buds for the memories.
Especially Red for all the
partying. Especially with
our army men. Short but
cute. "Dreams are hard to
follow, but don't let
anyone tear them away."
Love ya.



Cameron Brown





Amanda Bruyere
Well, it's been a great 3 years. Always remember the good times and to "Cherish every moment in your life as a once in a lifetime event". Thanks for a great time and good luck in the future!



Dionne Buchan



Mindy Burant
I would like to say thanks to all my friends, especially Brandi, and my boyfriend Rick for being there for me. I could not have done it without you guys!



Misty Burant



Stephanie Burgoyne
To become a rich accountant and have Lisa Moore be my servant. The pep rallies of '97 are the best. "Stupid is stupid does" by Forest Gump.



Lorna Burroughs
"When I am grown to man's estate I shall be very proud and great, And tell the other girls and boys Not to meddle with my toys." To all grads thanks for the memories.



Colin Bussiere



Nhat Cam
Thanks for the memories-- Bio 20, Math, English, and S.S. 20AP. Grade 12 was also a blast. Always remember the construction fence, blue slurpees, and the zoo-- Poopsie! Good luck to all my friends. Thanks for being there, Aliss!



Renee Carboneau



Denise Cedric
Well, Pinu ladies we're finally out of here, now central high. I'll always remember drinking at Buds, water-fights special treats at lunch. Here's to sex, drugs, and Rock and Roll. Canada rocks, Joe!!



Hajar Chamseddine
My future ambition is to finish my education. My favourite year was grade 11. Hang on to your dreams and never give up hope. Good luck grad '97. Best wishes for all.



Jasebel Chan



Michelle Chan



Lawrence Chang
When a man reaches maturity, he becomes more intelligent and enlightened. I hope I never reach that plateau. I'm going to miss all the people who have made a difference in my life. And guys, I swear I didn't pick my nose.



Wayne Cheng

Jordanna P. Chipiuk
It's over. The three
longest but most
memorable years of my
life. Sippin' with buds,
hangin' with the gals, I
luv ya all. You too Mom.
Skip 101 or should I say
THE RAMP. FS:
whatever! Keep smilin',
follow your dreams, be
proud!



Alan Chong
What can I say. It's been
a blast!! I'd like to thank
my parents for their love
and support and
especially the teachers for
getting us through the
three years. Do whatever,
whenever, forever, always
together.



Clara Chui



Jackie Chung
To all you Gucci Gods
and Versace vixens you
know who you are, I'll
never forget u. Thanks to
F and F 4 all the care and
support. RX-T's and
Lynx's always and
forever. All you need is
love.



Ozay Ciplak
All the best of luck and
success to us, the
graduating class: "To those
who feel, life is a tragedy.
To those who think, life is
a comedy."



Gerred Cloutier
I'm sure I'm not the only
one shocked to see that I
have finally done it! I
have to thank my parents
for not going crazy
through these very trying
12 years. To my friends,
thanks. It has been a blast.
Go hard guys!



Neil Cochrane
I'd like to thank the
academy for this award.
Hey Tiemer, thanks for
the stitches! Thanks to all
my friends for putting up
with me for the past three
years. You guys know
who you are. Graham
"Wherever you go, there
you are." :)



Mary Coghlan
Well, we did it. It's about
time. Rugby's been great.
Kim, don't forget about
the neighbors. Thanks for
the memories. You guys
know who you are. Don't
forget Rugby rules unlike
soccer. P.S. Joe, you're a
smelly little boy.



Michelle N. Cole
Thank you to all the
teachers who pushed me
when I fell off track,
especially Mr. Gowans. If
you want to go to Ja-
maica come look up my
travel agency. And no
matter what makes the
world go round, reggae
keeps it spinning.



James Converse



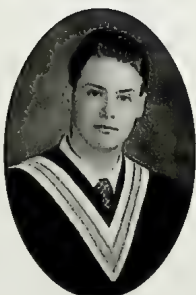
Jennifer Cooper



Sonia Costa
Thank you Shads for
teaching me to never let
anything get in the way of
my dreams. I leave this
place with beautiful
memories, ones I will trea-
sure. Love doesn't make
the world go round-it just
makes the ride
worthwhile.



Dwight Cramer
Thanks to the group for
the great times had and
for the ones yet to come.
And to all you Chevy
boys, keep the black
strips alive in the parking
lot and all you Ford boys
keep trying. Oh, ya don't
forget "Just a swingin'".



Nada Darwiche
My ambition is to become
a corporate executive and
a chain in hairsalons.
Whatever happens,
happens. Hope everyone
becomes successful,
especially my Raya-larded
friend. Live before you
die, laugh before you cry,
love immortally.



Tyler Dean





Elisa DeFazio
2: Kerm KBear Cash &
DBurger, I luv you guys.
Sara: Thanks 4-ever! I luv
you too. There is no
greater luv than this:
That one would surrender
his soul in behalf of his
friends. Life isn't of
milestones but of
memories. CUL8ER!



Rebekah de Sousa.
The three years at M.E.
LaZerte have been the
greatest years of my life.
My fondest memories are
those of the school band,
and my English AP class.
Take care, everyone and
have fun in all you do in
life--you only live once.



P. Devi



Kristopher DeVouge
Thanks to family and
friends for making
everything possible. Mr.
Gosman's class is THE
best. Favourite memory:
When Craig dressed up as
Kermit the Frog. Best
Class: Food Court 101



Graham Dickie
AKA The Wolfman
Thanks to everyone who
make this year cool. I'll
send you all my E-mail
when I move to Tibet to
become a monk.
WWW.tibetmonk.com? A
wise man once said,
"Wherever you go, There
you are."



Ryan Donaldson
Highschool is finally over.
To all the Wapasu Boys
see ya all on the long
weekend in May. To
Steve, remember the
Citadel. See ya around It
was a blast. Thanks for
three years. To all the
Drastic Measures see ya on
the ave.



Michelle Doucet
Thanks to the girls for
showing me how to have
fun again and to all the
people who were there for
me.



Dawnette Drummond
Labor for learning before
you grow old because
learning is better than
silver and gold. Silver
and gold will vanish away
but a good education will
never decay. Ambition: To
be an accountant. Practice
what you preach.



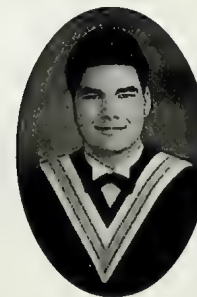
Delane Druteika
Some people make the
world special just by
being in it. My friends
made my world special
and I thank them all for
the comfort, support, and
great times. A smile
happens in a flash but it's
memory can last a
lifetime.



Tara (Kerm) Drysdale
Pizza: Thanks for figuring
out what 2 write--you're
awesome! Caldon: your
lips will always belong to
me no matter who you
kiss. I'll always remember
those basketball games
when I was a train. See
you all in 10 years!



Clinton Dupuis



Jim Dymant



Daniel Eelhart
Remember these words of
wisdom: Don't ever cross
me or I'll #*@\$*#?! \$#!?
@!?! #?#!@\$#!\$!
@?#!\$*#!? !\$#@ with a
\$!#* *\$@!?! #?!* @\$#!?!*
#!?@ @!?! 1##? !*#? #*!
until you need a pair of
pliers to get it out!



Gareth Ellis
From being silent to
where I stand today, I owe
it all to you. Thanks to my
friends, to CO I'm
eternally in debted, to TJ
ever-lasting luv. Parents
thanks for the support.
See ya at Wap boys! Don't
forget the great times and
let the funnels flow.



Stasha Elniski
Thanks Mom and Dad. I
know it's been hard. We
survived! TA & JW, we
had fun. Thanks
TOE...KISS!! Trish,
thanks for always being
there. I love you always!
Keep smiling the roses off
the apple tree!
Remember...BFF

Trish Emmons
My goals in life are to be a famous massage therapist. Thanks for all the wicked water fights at the ramp and all the parties, whatever! I love ya always Jenn, Devon, and Klara. You can never party too much!



Amanda Engman
Thanks to all my friends, you know who you are, and to my family for all your support. Good luck to all grads in the future. Just remember it's not how big you are, it's how big you play!!!



Matthew Enokson



Iris Escamilla



Cheryl Eskiw
Thanks to my Mom and Dad for all your trying support. To my crew, it's been a blast. To my B.F. Mandy, it's been a long hall but we made it! (thumb-tacks). Don't let the memories die and good luck in the future.



Phalene Featherstone
School was awesome! V-ball rulz! You either make dust or eat dust! Live your dreams! A friend is a person who knows all about you but likes you anyway! Let God take all the credit! See ya! Psalm 121:1-8



Cody Field



Don Fobes
This last football season we went all the way. I hope to be on the same team with the senior guys again.



Shannon Friel
Can't forget Captain ToeJam, funky tunes in Jo's car, and award-winning films. Thanx Phil, my silly buds, and Ice Cream Man for all the fun times! "Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans."



Neil Friesen
Thanks to D.E., F.K., J.C., B.S., S.C., and others. And always remember these last three years have been great but I must now move on with my life and purify the world. Shazaam!!!



Michelle Gagnon
(Red) My ambition is to marry a rich old man and take his fortune. Thanx to my buds for all the times. Many more to come! Never forget all the good times, Blondie, and all of the army men! Remember, no guy is worth crying for.



Millaray Garrido
Never give up on your dreams. Turn your dreams into reality. Without a dream, there would be no imagination.



Deryl Gerigh
We were here, now said and done. "It's been a good dream gone terribly wrong."



Ryan Goodyear



Aleksandar Granula





Chris Greidanus #11
Football/California '96
rocked!! VG's #1. Goals:
Play pro-sports and act
in/direct movies. Watch
out for flying kicks, Brad.
It's been fun, boys, L.A.
babes, J-clown, Gaybuns,
and Pilon. Get jumped.
"May the Force be with
you."



Aman K. Grewal
My future plan is to
consolidate the race of
mankind. I am a part of
all that I have met so
thanks to all. RIB can't
live in the past, can't see
the future, only live the
present! Can't help it if
I'm cute.



Lisa Grosvenor



Andrea Guerrero



Josef Gunther
Well, it's been a long time
running but well worth
the wait. Farewell to the
elite hack crew, so long to
the lunch hour cruises
with Chad and Mike.
Good luck to everyone at
the ramp.



T. Gurnvauk



Joseph Haddad



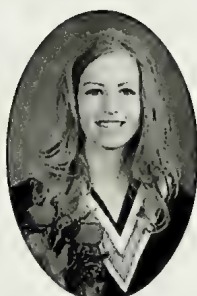
Jason Hall
The memories will last
forever: of the drinking at
Wapasoo, of parking lot
barbecues, of locker room
stenches, and of all the
hallway laughs. Keep
Jerry Springer king of
talk--thanks for the years.



Natasha Hanoman



Nancy Hansen
Thanx Mom for all the
emotional support I love
you! 2 all my friends
thank you for all the
memories. LH, JS, AS,
RM, LE, you're the best.
Thanks OC for giving me
strength. The secret to
success is to believe in
yourself!



Erin Harms
Drinkin' it up at Buds,
playing hack, partying
hard, May weekend,
special treats at lunch--
we had a blast. Goodbye
ramp and all the P.L.
girls, I'll never forget you.



Clint Harper
I would like to thank
Chris, Dan, and all the
guys I've played with
over the years. City
Champs RULED baby! I
love you with all my heart
Vanessa, my peanut.
Words of wisdom: Always
check twice for toilet
paper!



Joe Harvey
Here's to the past three
years and the next two to
come. THANKS for a
good time and remember
all the fun we had in
grade 11. P.S. don't ever
forget your real friends.



Cheryl Haughton



Robin Hawryluk
Thanks to the ones who
make these three years so
special. You know who
you are. I will always
cherish the memories I
have with the crew. To
the girls, thanks for the
good times and to Dwayne
for your caring, always
and forever.

Lila Haymour
Thanks Mom and Dad for
your support and
confidence. To all my
friends for three rock'n
years. Liz, you're laughs,
JS, that's bad! NH 5
bucks! And Shad's Oilers
101%. Those who laugh
laugh at you; who cry cry
with you!



Sativa Haynes
I would like to thank my
directors (moms and
dads), the cast (my nuan,
Paul, and Tanya who
came to my rescue with
chocolate cookies).
Thanks to the producers
and writers of my life.
Thank you thank you I
love you all!!



Melanie Heller
Future abillon: To be my
own boss! Favourite
memory: Lunch at
Bud's!! Favourite saying:
Who cares!! You're
young, you'll live.



Susan Henderson



Teresa Lisa Heng
Memories of caf food,
Chinagirls, hallway
friends, teachers, MN,
AL, SP & best bud NV.
Jever BG! The key in life
is to understand and
accept the differences of
life to find true happi-
ness. Remember me as the
unique one!



Shari C. Henkelman
Well, it's finally over.
Rugby was awesome. To
Chris for showing me that
there are no limits when it
comes to happiness. To
Kim-Lylas. And to every-
one else I have met along
the way, thank for it's you
who make me who I am.



Liz Hennawi
This use to be my
playground. Not any-
more. To my friends who
think I'm always
conceited, try it sometime,
it's fun. To Sammy Saj I
will be a teen model. FA:
To be a makeup artist and
to meet Bono. Thanks to
my parents. Love ya.



Scott Henning
Best of luck to all the buds
I met along the way. I
hope Razor achieves his
dreams in his opium
cartel. Thans to C.H. for
all the laughs. To the Dirt
who gave me the hard
times, country sucks and
MEL rugby rules.
Austin 3:16



Phara Hernandez
Forever cherished and
imprinted in my heart are
all the experiences with
true friends. Thanks to
Shani for all laughs. Noy
the mall awaits. Boys,
keep x-treme! Luv you
always and remember
"The best things in life
are always free."



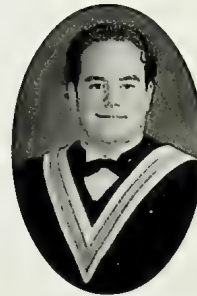
Christal Dawn Hill
Flashing Flamingo,
Chicken Dancer... &
many other names. I have
loved the last three years
and look forward to the
next! "Love is the
irresistable desire to be
irresistably desired!" -
Frost Thank to my
friends-may we remain so!



Benjamin Hochachka



David Hodgess



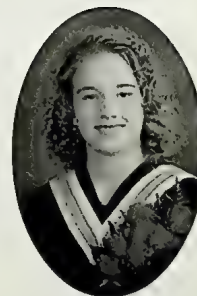
Klara Holewa
Thanx to the ramp &
Roberta, Pricilla,
Beatrice, Bridget, Trish &
I luv Brown. High on life
is the best way to be high.
Live long and prosper
(old Vulcan saying). Don't
worry, Ahmed. Stu you
suck. White street Posse
in effect!



Alan Holinski



Melissa (Nikki) Homeniuk
It's been short but fun.
Thanks to my friends and
family who made the time
I was awake memorable
camping, DrP, Blue
Power and hotties. I mean
hockey games were the
best. Just remember
everything happens for a
reason!





Colette Homik
Thanks to everyone who has made the past three years a real blast! To the ol' FIFE gang-I luv ya and keep in touch! If it's meant to be then it will be. Good things come to those who wait and the best never rest. Good luck grads!!



Alyzza Hopfe



Blake Hopp
I would like to take my intelligence to the fullest of my ability. Being with my buds. The best memory is my loving girlfriend Tania. You talking Jive turkey, Hey Jand Fransquwa. Thanx Mom and Dad.



Scott Prez Horton
The Journey Ends My Friends. Oh What A Voyage It Was. From The Shores at Wapasoo With A Tasty Brew, To SU. It Has Been A Blast, It's Gone Too Fast. To Those Loveth I, It Has Been Sweet Pie. Slice After Slice, Thanks for Life!!



Cory Hubich
To maxing and relaxing. The good times at the ramp. Cupcake



Heidi Huddleston
Thanx to the ramp & white street Posse Brown, you're the best! Thanx to Rita, Roberta, Bridget, & Beatrice. Big Bear Johnny Claw in the Face, thanx for the Shebangs. Devon, that's the corner, not the bathroom. TWIRLY SLIDE!!!!



Lana Hunt



Selene Hunter
To both Hui and Tammy, I owe you my thanks. For not only giving me the courage, but the strength that I needed. To all my buds new and old, always remember life is so very precious, so try not to fight it.



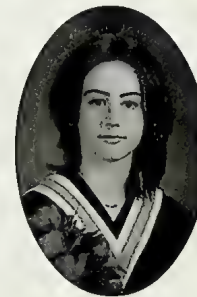
Asaad Huoseh
Kind people were important for my laughter and for my loving, caring ways. Jokes played on my emotions and locker were enough to make someone go mad.



Ibtesam S. Issa
Thanks Mom & Dad for your support. To my crew, stay divine! Remember tissue moments, peanuts & SQ. JJ lay off the ice cream. Liz, I envy you. Soccer rocks '97! "Whoever said it's not whether you win or lose that counts probably lost." -U2!



Jumana Jarrah
Thanks to my family and Sam for your love and support. Cherish your visions and your dreams as they are the children of your soul, the blueprint of your ultimate achievements. PS... "You'll always miss 100% of the shots you don't take."



Karen Jenkins
Thanks for all the laughs, love, tears and memories, I'll never forget them. BB you're the best, thanks for everything. Appreciate what you have today; you might not have it tomorrow.



Melissa Johnson
NN: MJ FS: Whatever FM: Falling asleep during Mr. Sorochan's classes. FP: To be rich and successful. Thanks to all those who have been there for me, you know who you are!



Tanya Johnson
My future ambition is to become a dental hygienist. A favourite memory of mine was my first flight in a Cessna to Saskatchewan! I just loved being stuffed in a little plane for 12 hours! Oh well, I still love you Brad!



Leanne Johnston
Thanks to everyone who made this year the best. The times we had were fun, and there's still more to come. Never forget: radishes, Itchy noses, "beastly" hockey boys (and the games) and of course, foo-bar.

Rhys Jones
Don't worry about it.



Patricia June
Well, I finally did it. I want to thank all my friends for everything. I will always remember. I hope you all get what you wish for in life. Remember, someday I will grow. Stay in touch, Erin. Don't worry--only more.



Erin Juskiewicz
Success is a process, a quality of mind, and a way of being, an outgoing affirmation of life... A special thanks to Amanda and all my friends for all the awesome memories!! Legacy- "We will be known by the tracks we leave behind" LYA



Anjali Kahera
The time has come when we say goodbye. Congratulations to all grads! Especially to my Tara, Barinder, Nadine, and Riley. Luv you guys! I sign off wishing everyone success! See ya in ten years!



Zarina Kamaldin



Samir Kamleh
You only go around once, might as well go out partying, 'cause life is too short to miss out.



Darlene Kaplan
FA: To attend NAIT and get my wildlife and forestry degree. FM: Whip cream wishes on my 17th B-day! Love ya all! FS: Cowboys rule! "Do not take a bull by its horns, take it by the tail. Then you can let go when you want to!"



Billy Karamouzis
Hail to Asaad. May Allah be with you. I submit to King Asaad for he is a superior Person in every way.



J. Keller



Nadine Kellman
It's been a long road paved with dips and Mr. Bell. "All is not right in the state of Denmark" my friends. I hope I can find my liver in the future. I love you little man and all you grads, stay true and drink till you drop.



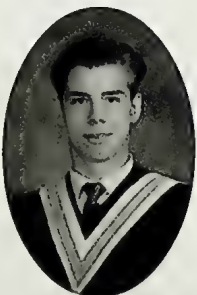
Fred "Derf" Kennedy
First off, I'd like to thank the academy. Special thanks to Dan, Neil, Adam, Trav, Sparky, and Pokey. I really didn't expect this, so I don't have a speech. "Bring on the sexy stu's baby!"



Kelly Kenny
The past three years have been a real-life soap opera: never a dull moment. Thanks to everyone who made it so exciting, especially you, Aaron. I love you, Baby Cool! We rock! Motto: Be young, have fun!



James King
I just want to thank Kristion Sommers for helping me through school. I want to tell her I love her and I want to spend the rest of my life with her. I love you, Kris.



Brianne Klement
Peace and love is all we need so #@#* the bombs & free the weed! Party on all my crazy buddies, and remember that the answer is always at the bottom of a 40-pounder! Drink a beer for me! Stay peaceful.



David Komarynsky





Candace Kowaluk
 FA: I want to become
 successful and wealthy.
 FM: Hanging with my best
 friends Tara, Vangy, and
 Sascha. FS: Yeah right.
 WW: Never rely on
 someone else; the only
 hand that can help you is
 the one at the end of your
 arm.



Kelly Krenz



Christopher Kroker



Raymond Kwan
 As the three year epic
 nears its finale, one must
 start his life anew. To the
 class of '97: take the
 world head on. Resistance
 is futile! As for my
 friends, may we meet
 again and remember,
 "You know how it is!"
 Congrats!



Justin Lacoursiere



Riley K. Lagaden
 The last three years have
 been a blast! From
 partying at the LaGad's
 (my) house, to all the rest
 of the places. Thanks
 Nadin, Chris, Russ, Alex,
 Angali and the rest! I luv
 you all! Hey Jackie, stick
 out your tongue! Ha Ha!
 Just jokin'!



Tab Lardner



Karen Lashchowski
 It's time to say good-bye
 to high school and hello
 to the real world. Thanks
 to all my friends for all
 the great memories; they
 won't be forgotten.
 Congratulations and good
 luck y'all!!



Paddy Lee
 The eminent dragon soon
 will rise to endless limits...
 but by chance or by fate, I
 will be following not far
 behind! The deceiving
 future upholds, soon to be
 a chest of memories.
 Cherish them always!
 G.C. :)



Sandy Lee
 The battle of the diabolic
 dragon has finally been
 slayed and now on to a
 more crucial challenge,
 the MIGHTY PHOENIX!
 To my pals, the ones's
 the give me power:
 -plan the future,
 -explore the past,
 -live the present,
 and God bless! G.C.:)



Vincent Lee



Benjamin Lees
 My future ambitions are
 to join the Canadian
 Forces and serve my
 country.



Ray Leung



Lisa Leuasseur
 Future Ambition: I want
 to be a fire truck.
 Favourite Memory: when
 Mr. B accused N of being
 a druggie.
 Absolu**lutley All that
 glitters is not gold.

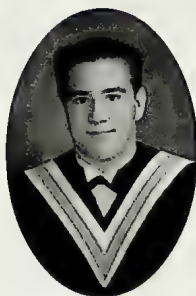


Candy Li

Kevin Li



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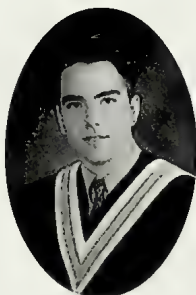
Alberto Lim



Brandi Lindgren
FA: Enjoy life and be
happy with my
accomplishments. FM:
My best friend Mindy,
Michelle, and Roxy, and
thanks to Peter F. FS: No
doubt, eh? You win some,
you lose some & you only
have once chance. Don't
regret it.



Stephen Loomer



Angie Lopatka
Good luck grad 97's To
LJ, SP, SS, KJ, and best
bud MN, thanks for being
there for the good and the
bad times. Remember
camping trips 95/96 and
partying every weekend!
Thanks to Mom, Dad, and
Larisa for your support.
It's been great!



Stacey Lovig
It's been a good 3 yrs here
at M.E., but now it's time
to say goodbye. I hate to
say it. One class I'm going
to miss is Mr. Bateman's
PLS 30 class. Those who
were in it know what I
mean. I hope every one
has a good future. Bye.



Russell Lucyshyn
Well grad is finally here
and after it we won't be
what's up to all the boys
at the back. Class with
you was fun; what am I
saying--missing class with
you was fun. Have a great
life crew, keep rolling. To
Jillian, thanks.



Jacky Luo



Jason Luo



Christina Machado
I would like to thank all of
my friends for being
there when I needed
someone to talk to. Also,
to my very close buddies,
let's keep in touch!
Whatever you do in life,
always trust in God and
never give up!!



Brian Machuk



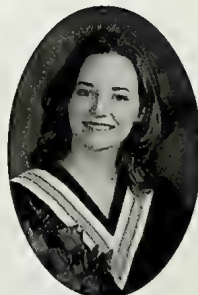
Trisha Mack



Tara MacNeil



Erin Maggee
To my fabo fam, I love
and thank-you for
understanding. Brad, you
are perfect and mine
forever. I love you, and to
all of the people I know
and love I wish you all
the best and ask you to do
everything you can to
make your lives
amazing.:)





Veleka S. Maharajh
For all the memories you girls gave me and all the good times we shared, thank-you. I hope all your dreams and aspirations come true. Further your selves with the knowledge you obtained. Stay true. Friends forever.



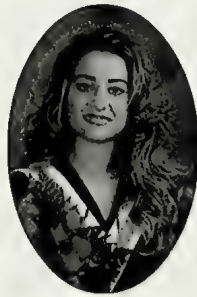
Renee Mansell



Tasha Marleau
Thanks Mom and Dad for being there. Sessions with the ladies and back at the ramp. To the good times and the bad, it's all done so I'm sad, but I ain't coming back! Luv you bee.



Lesa Marshall
FA: Child's author/illustrator, FM: Chillin' with my two hallway crews. To all my friends and grads: "If you believe in God, there is nothing in this world that you cannot accomplish." Miss y'all! Lots uv luv "Shorty L." XXXO



Zeina Mashtoub
Don't hate me 'cause I'm beautiful. Fred, I will always love you. My true love. Mama, thank you for your inspiration. Life is just a bowl of cherries; don't take it seriously. Sit and laugh at it all. PS: Play on Playas.



Shonelle Mayers
After high school I plan on working in food management. My saying is "S'up?", I believe that faith is what to rely on when hope runs out. People call me shorty. FM: Chillin' wid da Crew. GOD bless and take care of yourselves.



Nariman Mayta
My ambition is to accomplish the best in life and pursue a promising career. Live life to the fullest. A word from the wise: "Let the heart do the talking and the truth will be heard". To my red head, I love you.



Joanne McAmmond



Tamara McBride



Ian McClung



Shawna McCormack
Thanks to my parents. Thanks to the Pink Ladies for all the good memories and to everyone at the ramp. Don't worry about the world ending today 'cause it's already tomorrow in Australia. I'm outta here; how 'bout you? Later!



Desmond McDonald



Shaun McLellan
Craig, Mike, Ian, Jeremy, all my buddies rock on.



David McMurtry



Chasity Lynn McNab

Amanda Mischuk
 Crappy cafe coffee! Had
 great times with buds!
 Summers of hack and
 BBQ's. Skipped 10's to
 30's memories and stories
 to remember. Three May
 longs and grad buds
 happy hour! Had a blast.
 Good luck to rammers!
 Thanx to Mom, CW, DM,
 HH, KH, all.



Jai Mittou
 (Little J)
 FA: To be rich and live
 somewhere hot and drive
 a Lexus. FM: Going to
 the mall and playing
 arcade games. Chilling
 with all the boys. FS:
 That was peer jokes!
 Keep ya head up.



Annette Molnar
 Wow, I finally made it.
 Who would have believed
 that anyone could make
 it past grade 12. I would
 like to thank my family,
 Rob, and my best friend
 Cherie and Chris for
 rushing me to do my best.
 I love all of you.



Lisa Alexis Moore
 My future ambitions are
 to become an Animal
 Health Technologist, get
 married and have lots of
 kids. My words of
 wisdom are live life one
 day at a time, and don't
 worry about what the
 future holds for you.



Sascha Morrison



Anca A. Mosorolean
 Time sure flies when
 you're having fun. Now
 we're off to newer &
 better things, but I will
 never forget my friends
 at M.E. and all the fun
 we had. Good luck in the
 years to come--CM, CA,
 TM, SH, DS, & all the
 grads.



Saj Moustafa
 Liz, Sonia, Paula, and
 Shads the best friends I
 will ever have. The
 moments may be
 temporary, but the
 memory is forever.
 PLO's rule 4-ever. I'll
 miss this place & all the
 fun memories I had. By
 the way, Shad's shotgun
 (bang)!



Shadia Moustarah
 Well, all I can say about
 high school is "been
 there, done that". I want
 to thank Allah for
 everything. Also thanx to
 my family. Sonia, no
 offence but u look nasty-
 luv u. Lila. OILERS
 RULE! Giving up is an
 ULTIMATE TRAGEDY.



Devon Muir
 Stuart Adam Kostluk you
 suck. It's Emad! I nub nu
 always. Klara, Heidi,
 Amanda, Trish, & Kelly!
 White street posse will
 rock N.S. I luv Brown
 always. Thanks to the
 liquor store across the
 street. Welfare is the
 way! Yo, it's free money.



Angela Nadan
 My future ambition is to
 become a professional
 psychologist. This is my
 dream. Memories are
 being a student at M.E.
 LaZerte and also being
 with friends. My words of
 wisdom are: "What you
 do in life do your best
 but never give up!"



Mark Napora
 Thanks to all for the
 killer times. Will never
 forget epic shakers at
 Wap, pow trips, rippin'
 with the bros, punk gigs,
 and crazy times with the
 boys. Stay stoked for life
 and if you go, go off!
 Until the next session,
 SKURFS UP!



Adam Nashman
 If you think Donald
 Trump is big time, I'll
 show you big time. Hats
 off to all the teachers who
 made high school more
 bearable (Mr. Meek, Mr.
 Gosman, etc). Remember,
 the world is round, so
 what goes around comes
 around.



Bradley Natrass



Walied Noscir
 Crusin' down the street
 in my 64. Farewell to the
 elite hack crew. Better
 late than never.
 Only the strong survive.



Marcie Nytchay

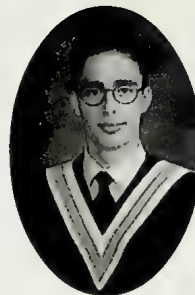




Paula Oliveira
 "I may never see to-morrow; there's no written guarantee, and things that happened yesterday, belong to history. I cannot predict the future, I cannot change the past. I have just the present moment; I must treat it as my last".



Jeff Orkusz
 A flat of beer, the last three years, the drunks at wapnsoo and the parking lot BBQ's. I'll miss the hallway parties and Bio 30 with Daddy Dave. It looks like things are done but really they have just begun.



Craig Orrell
 Favourite memories: The best times were when I was crushing blindly into orange fences, running red lights, and driving off-road with Nhat. Favourite saying: Not bad. Words of wisdom: "Those who give get."



Ostachek



Carey Paholek
 My sincerest thanks to my friends and family who made this time enjoyable & successful. Great times with DrP and camping. NH best friends are forever. WK you are in my heart and you know I luv ya! The cru will rock always. Miss you all! In 10.



Melissa Paish
 I wish success to all grade 12's and that all their dreams come true. To all my friends thanks for three great years full of memories. Remember to live as though every moment is your last. Your friends always.



Ann Pak
 Thank you to my family for their support. Thanks to all of my friends for making these past three years unforgettable. The key to success is to strive for excellence.



Jasdeep Panesar
 Word out to AP scum fellow dips, Coles Notes, teachers and my parents. All the rest: The best part in life is doing what people say you can't do. So what's next? Westsiide! @:-)



Heather Parke
 FA: Fashion designer or cosmetition. FM: Falling off my chair in English. FS: Huh?! To all the grads, congrats! To all my friends, thanks for understanding and for your support. Couldn't've made it without you - Feather



Stephen Parker
 It's on now!



Philip Pereira
 Thanks to all of my low-key G's out there, PaPa, Iz, Ron, and Rodman. How could I forget my woman?? Shannon, remember this WHAT? or ALRIGHT!! My life's goal is to be a movie star like my hero Corey Feldman! GOONIES RULES.



Derek Petruk



Quyen Pham
 To all my G.G with style and grace, thanks for all the smiles and great memories. And to all the MACKS who just want to play, thanks for all the fun and short loving.



Jennifer Philip



Susan Phillips
 Well, we've had some good times. Drinking at buds, treats at lunch, and of course the pink ladies. Thanks to my parents for their love and support. It's been a blast. Good-bye to everyone at the ramp.

Terri-Lynn Pincombe
Thanks to my family and
friends for always
supporting and loving me.
Rugby's been the best; I
never liked my body in
one piece anyway. To
Nadine, Jacqui who
showed me there is more
to life. Mom, Dad, I love
you always.



Sabrina Plamondon
Partying with the crew at
Jr.'s Lake, the Caboose &
Lake Eden ROCKED!!
Maybe someday I'll see
that video. Love to Zizek
and my best friends; you
know who you are. Finally
12 yrs of agony over.
Now the real fun begins!
CHOW M.E.L.



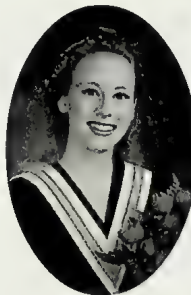
Gerrit Plesman
Live life to its fullest, hold
on to what you have,
cherish each moment like
it's your last. Thanks to
my friends and family
I've finally made it. No
more school.
Congratulations to all
grads. See you around.



Jonathan Politylo
An addition is not a
terrible thing--it is a
wonderful experience!
Especially if you have
more than one of them;
they show that you have
dedication and desire. I've
been in many places and
to tell the truth, wet ones
are the best!



Mary-Jo Pollard



Y. Poon



Jenn Postma
My future goals are to pass
high school. Don't
remember much, but I
know it was fun. Can't
wait for the ten year
reunion. Love you, Trish
and Joe and many others.
"Praise to wine markers
and farmers, you rock!"



Brett Prosser
Sr. football city champs!
Thank-you, Mom and
Dad for being there when
I needed support. To
Ryan for being a great
friend. To Tracey, we are
here for each other,
always. All my good
friends, good luck and
keep in touch.



Tracey Ann Quesnell
We did it guys! Thanks,
Mom and Dad for always
being there, to Loser for
being a normal sis, to
Brett for always
understanding, to Kerry,
Rhonda and Bec for being
true blue friends and to
the rest for making me,
me!! Love Tray!



Rachna Raghobar



Shaymaa Rahme
This year has been a great
one for me. Remember, all
must watch the
Godfather. To all my
friends, come to me in the
future and I'll make you
an offer you can't refuse.
Al Pacino and I will
remember you all.
!FARHANEEN!



Faisel Rajan
X's & O's to Dad and
Mom for support and
cash flow. No more
joiners! To all the junked
out ones who want to roll
in the big leagues: let an
education get a degree
gree and take a vacation.
"Get in where you fit
in..."cause life is too
Short."



Y. Ramahi



Rehana Ramji



Barinder Randhawa





Aliaf Remtulla



Dwayne Renaud
Here's to Wapao, to the
"CREW", to May-Long
and to Puke on the Lawn,
to Cultus, to Slapshot, to
the laughs and boys of
MLAC, to Murph, to Jeff
& Robin who's the Best,
to fleers, to Fears, to
friends and weekends.
Here's to THE GRADS of
'97.



Rhonda Renen
Thanks to the gang for
making the last three
years a blast and to my
RUGBY BUDS for
making the game fun.
Mom and Dad, thanks for
all your support. FM:
RUGBY, spare 30,
broomball and SSAP. Luv
discount a.k.a. Tripple R.
See ya in 10 and good
luck.



Kimberly A. Rennie
Be the sunflower of life;
stand tall and look
towards the light.
Forgiveness equals
strength--stay true &
strong. Mary, don't forget
the neighbors, and thanks
to Phalene and Shari. FM:
Summer '96. Take care
all--never forget.



Jeremy Repchuk
I just want to say what's
up to all my buddies and
thank my girl for being
there through rough
times. Thanks Smoop.
Just don't let certain
flows bring you down.
You like that, don't ya!



Alissa Reynolds
Thanks for all the
memories Sue, Tara, and
everyone. To my rugby
pals: pretty boy (backs)
rock and fat boys
(forwards) roll! Luv ya
all!! Remember: life is a
giant cookie. I hope all my
buds get one of the
chocolate chips!!



Mark Rodych
FA: Engineer.
FM: Senior men's
volleyball.
WW: To strive, To seek,
To find, But not to yield.



Susan Ross
"The greatest danger for
most of us is not that our
aim is too high and we
miss it, but that our aim is
too low and we reach it."
-unknown
Now, let's go get some
Taco Time and get busy!



Stephanie M. Rowell
#40
"Come, come with me and
upon wings of stell we will
show the world that,
YES, man was meant to
fly." D'yakooyou Mom
and Dad, buds, teachers,
Mr. J, and GQ. I'm off to
be a gym teacher and
hockey star!



Julia Roy



Shaun Roy
To all my friends, thanks
for being there. My family
has given me the support
to pass. So live life to its
fullest and pass high
school!!!!



Kimberly Ruzycki
To all my friends who've
made these years to
remember. Hockey games,
Beasts, and itchy noses.
To the girls: Boys will
come and go but singles
stick together.



Krista Rychliski



Raya Safadi
Ambition: business
administrator. To Nada
and all my friends,
remember to follow your
own way and never give
up on anything because
anything is possible. One
day I will be a guest on
the Oprah Winfrey Show!



Richy Sahota
I would like to thank my
parents for giving me life.
My teachers: "thanks" for
the great knowledge
you've given me. Best to
everyone in the class of
'97. FM: Chem 30.
Thanks for a great time.
You know who you are.

Ali Sai



Suha Saleh
I would like to thank my family and friends for all their love and support. To To Nerdman and Slow Fe, thanks for making this year a special one. Mona, I hope you never change. Hey Red! Hope to see you soon at T.B.



Narinder Sandhu



Mohammed Sandouka



Awad Sanduga (Howie)
Word to the wise: When in doubt, CHEAT! To the boyz through the good times, school times, cafe times, keep on puffin'. To Mrs Gemmell, stay cool, call me and we'll do brunch!! To the gals, good luck!!



April Sandusky
To all those who have been there for me when I needed you, thanks. And to my Dad, I'll miss you always, love you lots, and I'll never forget you. Thanks, Mom, for being so strong. I love you.



D. Sanford



Ronald Sanjivi



Cathy Schillimne



Amanda Schultz (Squeaky)
Thanks for the past three groovin' years, Captain Toe Jam and all the others who made school...cool! Quit robbing the cradle, Steph. Thanks, Mom and Dad and Dennins for all your love. Stay gold Pony boys & girls!



Jessica Schur
Friends and family keep you smiling; love you all! To my mountain Chris live, love, laugh forever and a day Putts. If you ever climb a make sure you're sober. ONE life you've got to do what you should! See y'all later.



Johnny Semenik



Harold Semenuk
"Stop looking at me Swan" or the x-treme team, Wapasoo crew, 2-pumpers and the VG F-Ball champs might open a can. I'll find my cinnamon, sweater girl, live in a bombshelter, and stay Canadian. Don't talk about me at supper.



Kim Shave
Thank you C.B. and S.C. for two great relationships. B.W., I've enjoyed seeing you blossom into such a sexy young man. To my sister whom I love and miss, hope we can be together soon. Mom and Dad, love you both. (sometimes)



Chris Sherman
Thanks to all my friends for making the last three years memorable. I wish the best to everyone and always keep in touch. And remember, whenever you see a Feiro it just might be me.





Dan Shillabeer
I hope to become a cop. I also want to have a lot of kids. I'd like to thank my sweet Amber, Jeff, Clint, Steph, and many friends I made in football. "What are you on, crack?" Live life truly and to the fullest. Peace.



Farhan Shivji



Linda Shmyr
I want to become a police officer. Playing rugby has been the best. Thanks to my Mom for always being there and to Jim for the memories. Remember soccer is for people who don't know how to play a real sport (rugby).



Alexandra Sinclair
FA: Graduate from college. FM: Waterfights and lunch at buds. FS: I chee-wa-wa. Easy road is not always the right road to take.



Agnes Sindula



Monica J. Singh
Whatz up. It's been a long ride these three years and I made it! Lots of love to my family who put up with me and my friends whom I put up with--jokes! Brown sisters--why are we so fine? Chronic Monic got UR back. Brown sugar baby!



S. Singh



Ryan Skolski



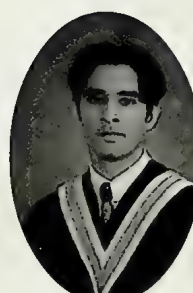
Amina (Red) Sleiman
People say a smile goes a long way. Try it sometime--you might be surprised! To my friends, loved ones and the crew, don't ever think of me as saying goodbye; think of me as saying until we meet again! Our paths will cross! L V U ALL NORM



Jamely Smalley
Thank-you Mom and Dad; without you two I would not have made it this far. These three years have been the best 'cuz of all the greatest people. You know who you are. AS, LH NH, SL & AN. I love you all. Never give up your dreams 'cuz they do come true. See ya!



Ryan Sobotiuk



Karim Somji



David Sprake
THANKS TO ALL MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY.
FA: To be a teacher
Quote: If you do not know where you are going, you may miss it when you get there.



Jolene Spychka
Three memorable years: vaptaintocjam, the lockers, Europe and silliness. I could not have asked for anything more. "Time is a train, Makes the future the past, Leaves you standing in the station, Face pressed up against the glass" -U2



Jon Stafford
(Johnny Boy)
Thanks to wheel's and Snake for all the parties. Good luck to Spike and the baby. To be successful in anything I do and be rich. Thanks to M.E. for all the memories. See ya all later.

Vangy Steinhauer
 FA: I intend to have a career in the social work field.
 FM: Meeting my best friend Candace.
 FS: You know what I mean?
 Don't cut classes because in the end you are the one who is going to pay for it, no one else!



Cherie Strid
 "I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."
 Thanks to my Mom and Dad for pushing me along the path, my sister for her support and my best friend Annette for walking with me. I love you all!



Gloria Suen
 I would like to say thanks to my friends, old and new, who helped me create the many memories that I will always remember and cherish. The past few years have been fun. Love and remember me ALWAYS!



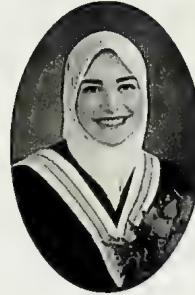
Kent Swanson
 Long Live The Wapason W.B. It's been a blast lounging at the lake and in the parking lot. The sadness will drown with a little more crown because we'll always stay loyal to the royal. The memories will stay glacier fresh.



Eman Sweiss
 I would like to thank my parents for being there when I needed them and hope the best for all my friends and hope God guides us all through the right choices in life and through the bad.



Obiyla Taha
 My future ambition is to continue my education and marry Ali. I will never forget Mr. Goin's class. You're cool! It's not doing what you like but in liking what you do that is the secret to happiness. Good luck grad 1997.



Mazin Taliani



Lawrence Tanfara
 FA: Architect
 FM: G.W.'s English class.
 FS: Forget that idea. Don't let anyone hold you down.



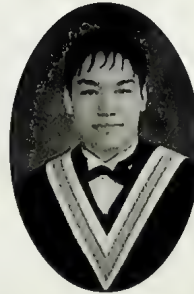
Teresa Tang



Salenn Tek



Emil Tiedemann
 I never thought this day would come. These three years have been great. I'd just like to thank my teachers and my friends I've had the honor of meeting at LaZerte. Good luck.



Shane Tiedemann



Ron Toly
 Thanks to the boys for the great times we had. It was a blast! Good luck in the future, crew! Remember Chevrolet rules for life! Also, thanks to my love Niki. Live life, drink beer and drive CHEVY! Who's Daddy.



Jennifer Tomanek



Ruth J. Tombe
 What's hup omc G's. FA: To become a dentist. FM: chillin' with my friends and eatin' happles and horanges and heggs. FS: Ho no! Looking spif geek! Q: It's easy to save face-- just keep the lower half of it tightly shut!! Love, "GEEK"





Dana Tomkinson



Vicky Tong



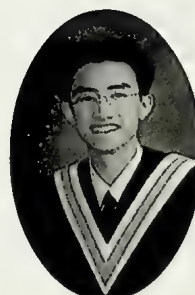
Jennifer Tremiseaux
 Merci beaucoup, Mom et
 Dad pour tous.
 Certainement vos
 sentiments et votre aide
 pendant des années. My
 ambitions are to grow
 taller and be a wealthy
 accountant. Good luck to
 all my friends. Keep in
 touch.



Jason Tremoyne
 "Life is like a path
 through freshly fallen
 snow. Careful how you
 tread it, for every step will
 show." Remember this
 always, and don't forget
 to be young, have fun, and
 drink Bacard! High
 school rocked and so do
 the 4 H!!!!



Renee Tsang



Alex Tsen
 To attract good fortune,
 spend a new coin on an
 old friend, share an old
 pleasure with a new
 friend, and lift the heart
 of a true friend by
 writing his name on the
 wings of a dragon. Good
 luck! The Tsenstar's out.



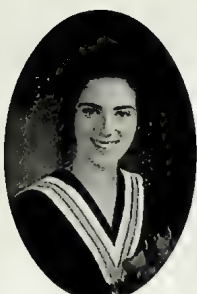
Tim Tu



Christopher Twele



Nazrina Umarji
 I am proud of who I have
 become in the last three
 years. All my regards to
 to my family, friends, and
 educators who have seen
 me through it all. To all
 my fellow grads: We are
 the future, so give it our
 best shot!



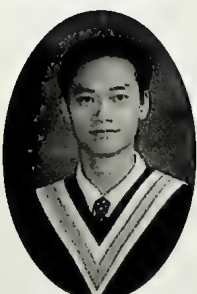
Vanessa Varga



Jennifer Veerasamie
 After all those years of
 "AP" we're still only
 "Average People." Always
 remember whatever you
 do in this world do it with
 style!! Thanks to everyone
 who made school
 bearable! It's been great!



Crystal Velichka
 Thanks to all of my friends
 and my family for
 everything. I'm sure the
 brain damage from
 playing soccer will be
 kicking in any time now.
 Maybe it already has. We
 were "here for a good
 time, not a long time" SO
 PARTY HARD.



Kolia Vongsamphanh
 See ya! It has been a great
 three yrs. To all my
 friends, see you. Hope to
 see you at Club Malibu
 Bourbon street.
 Remember the ramp.
 Always love the Spice
 Girls. Chris Y., remember
 Bud's polish girls are the
 best. Girls girls girls



Noy Vongsamphanh
 Everyone, thanks for the
 great memories. I'll miss
 you all! Never forget
 sweet, cute, adorable,
 materialistic, little me!
 When I'm famous and on
 TV, you can say you
 knew me! HA HA! Take
 care!!



Bryon Wallis
 I'm comfy.

Tara Weaver



Chad Wegenast
My soft Parade Through
the Labyrinth of
knowledge is over. I pitch
my thanks to all grads.
Together we seek creating
chaotic epoch escaping
wise pondering guidance.
Our sacred ceremony
begins as I laugh insanely.
We thrive.



L. Weight



Kevin Weiss



James Werenka
It's been a long trail. High
school was the best three
years of my life. Friends
are like trees; don't judge
by the bark but rather the
sap under it! Best of luck
to all the grads. See ya!
-JW



Jason Whitham
It was hard having two
fathers, but I did it Dads!



Karen Wilkes
Thanks to the Locker
Crew, Alois, Amanda,
Jeff, and all my other cool
buds for the great
memories! Captain
Toejam forever! Mom and
Dad, thanks for your
support! Learn from the
past and live for the
future ...Good luck grads!



Janice Wilson
Well, high school is finally
over. Unless you count all
of us attending centre
high! And I do mean ALL
of us! I don't have much
to say except, everybody
party this summer and I'll
see all you scholars next
year!



Andy Wong



Bobby Wong
My KINGDOM awaits,
and the reign of the
WONG DYNASTY will
be established. I
encourage you all to walk
the "GREAT WALL" of
success. The doors to the
FORBIDDEN CITY are
open; come one it and
tame this DRAGON!
BBB'S out.



Jackie Wong



Jesse Wong



Lorraine Wong
Illusions are what we
have, not what we own.
Thanks to C.D. and C.T.
for being there always
and just a word of truth:
you guys are so hooked!!!



Shani Wong
4ever imprinted in my
heart are experiences I
had these past years. I
thank my true buds for
sticking by me. Luv you
and wish you the BEST!
As for you Apricot
Lovers: smell the
COUNTRY BREEZE!
"Laugh at your
problems!"



Ryan Wright





William Wu



Sherree Wyness
 "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And you are the guy who'll decide where to go." -Dr. Seuss



Trevor Yachimec
 "It's been a long time running." The weekends saved me. CD, Jr, Scoops, CY, the Cedrics, JS and all the M.E. crew, we partied hard. Don't forget the good times (if possible) and accept the bad. "Rock and Roll can never die."



Richard Yaremko



Man Yeung



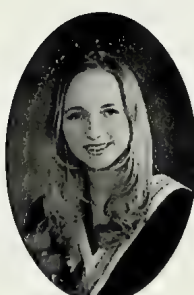
Ming Yeung
 So a chapter is done and now comes another. Its mysteries awaiting to be discovered. Now do not hesitate; have no fear; be courageous and get ready to turn the page.



Christopher Young



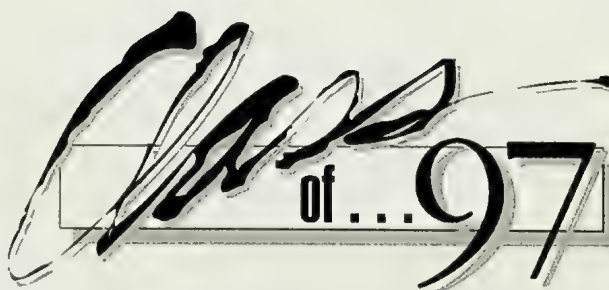
Derek Zack



Jessica Zajonz



Matthew Zee
 My past three years have been memorable. From band trips to nose picking, playing cards to spiders in my mouth. Thanks to my friends and my family. Lawrence, you owe me two bucks (you know you didn't) and Dave, keep on dreaming!



Faisal Asfour
 I fight for Islam.

Heath (Reaper) Bowen
 The soul of the Reaper lives within all mankind. The eternal flame of which cannot be extinguished. The origin of which is unknown.

Dave "Killer" Carlson
 Never challenge the Chiefs. It's against the rules. Nothin' better than hangin' with the Hansens because they brought their toys. Call Detroit and bring on Oogie Oglethorpe!

Carlos Charpentier
 FA: To travel around the world. TO FLY.
 FM: Summer of '96, all of Grade 10, half of grade 11.
 FS: Hey, where's Dubert. Candy is dandy but liquor is quicker.

Jordan De Freitas
 A special thanks to my parents, especially my Mom. Your support and encouragement has helped me to succeed in my life. Thanks, Sarah-Lyn for being such a wonderful friend. Peace to all the graduates. Good luck.

Michael Deonarine I,
 Michael Adam Bones
 Gunns Ninja Spike
 Deonarine, leave only this: "Only he who attempts the absurd is capable of achieving the impossible."
 -Miguel Unamuno
 I'll see you people later.
 MAD

Famd Elshmoury
After three long years I'm ready to move on. Thanks, Mom and Dad and also to all teachers. Football was great. Winning City Champs was great in '96. Mostly I'd like to thank GOD Almighty.

Vince Emberley
FA: To become a successful businessman hanging with my boys at lunch. FS: Where's all the honey's at. Nobody thought our kind would make it. But to the boys at ramp and the back, don't ever stop rolling.

Tanis Goryniuk
A big thanks goes to Pocahontas, Chief, Ragging Bull, and the rest of the tribe for making the years here so special. The time has been short but the memories will last forever. Best wishes to all of you in the future.

Cameron Hanlan
I never thought I would make it after the rough start in grade 10, but I am through and on to bigger and better things. It has been great. The KITEMAN has left the building!

Tim Humeniuk
FM: Hanging out in the parking lot, sneaking out of Foods to have a smoke.

Bradley Hutchinson
It's been great. Thanks to all my friends who made the years fun. Offense wins games, defence wins championships. See ya in ten.

Brett Kosinski
It is said that a person is defined by the friends they keep. Well, if that is true, I must be a king, not to mention the luckiest guy around! Good luck in the years to come, and live every day like it's your last!

Lorne David Lee
Life is a mountain. Dreams are where the climb begins. Only by knowing your heart and straining can anyone reach the summit. Once you are "off belay" you can safely marvel back at your past route and plan your next move.

Shilo McEwan
Thanks to all my Buddies for a great year. Take care and see ya!

Curtis Morin
Stupid is when you were taught the answer to the question and you still get it wrong.

Dave Murphy
I'm back and it was great. Daddy rules Jungle. Hey boys, I've learned that true happiness is a case of beer and a plate of hotwings. I leave with words to live by: "Kick the darkness till it bleeds daylight." -U2 Rattle and Hum

Angela Paris
I finally made it. To all my friends I will always remember the good and the bad. I wish you all the best in the future. Stay strong and don't forget to keep in touch. Don't forget I will be famous one day.

Adam Potts
Beaten paths are for beaten men. No Fear

Michael Reiner
I thought the last year would be the best year; I was right. Now I'm in the real world and one step closer to death. M.E. was good...thanks!

Leslie Stewart
My favourite memory is the pep rallies. Alright MARY!! I have future plans, but none that I care to share. My favourite saying is "YOU'RE A GEEK" or "SHUT UP, JACKIE!!!" My end quote to all of you is to plan for the future, but live now.

Nancy Therrien
I want to travel around the world! I would like to thank all my friends for being there for me.

Janelle Wozniak
My favourite memory is the pep rallies. Alright, Mary. Oh yeah, Mr. Bateman's PLS class. Too much fun. Future plans: Yeah, like I'd tell you. Favourite saying: Still wanna be a man. My quote: Me, yourself, and smile. Ciao



CONGRATULATIONS GRADS



Bad Hair Day

Mohamed
Abougoush
Murat Akbay
Ahmad Akkashe
Hoda Al Katib
Samy Al Katib
Robin Allen
Kareem Amairi
Natalya Anischenko
Rae-Lea Armstrong
Christina Arnott
Tyler Arychuk
Mohamed
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Polly Au
Houneidi Ayed
Damian Bailey
Brent Baker
Candice Bandura
Belal Barbar
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John Bass
Latoya Bell
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Kevin Bennett
Jay Benson
Travis Bergeson
Joseph Bishop
Shawn Bissonette
Sandra Boelsgaard
Clayton Bond
Darko Bosiocic
Gerald Bounds
Heather Boutilier
Christopher Bowen
Darren Brown
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David Brown
Mario Brown
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Erin Campbell
Corey Carlson
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Fiona Chan
Daisy Chand
Avinash Chandra
Chris Chandra
Ryan Chapman

Mark Charney
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Michelle Chu
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Shelby Conrod
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Aaron Cook
Christie Cook
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C. Courchene
Shane Courtrille
Jeremy Cowles
Shawn Cowles
Cheryl Cunningham
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Jessica Cure
Darren Cymbala
Nathan Czapp
Jason Dale
Darren Daniels
Crystal Dave
Cory Davis
Virginia De Freitas
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Indrajit Deoanarine
Conrad Deranger
Shawna Detta
Tyler Dettling
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Christos Dimitriou
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David Doel
Chris Dolhaniuk
Debra Dougherty
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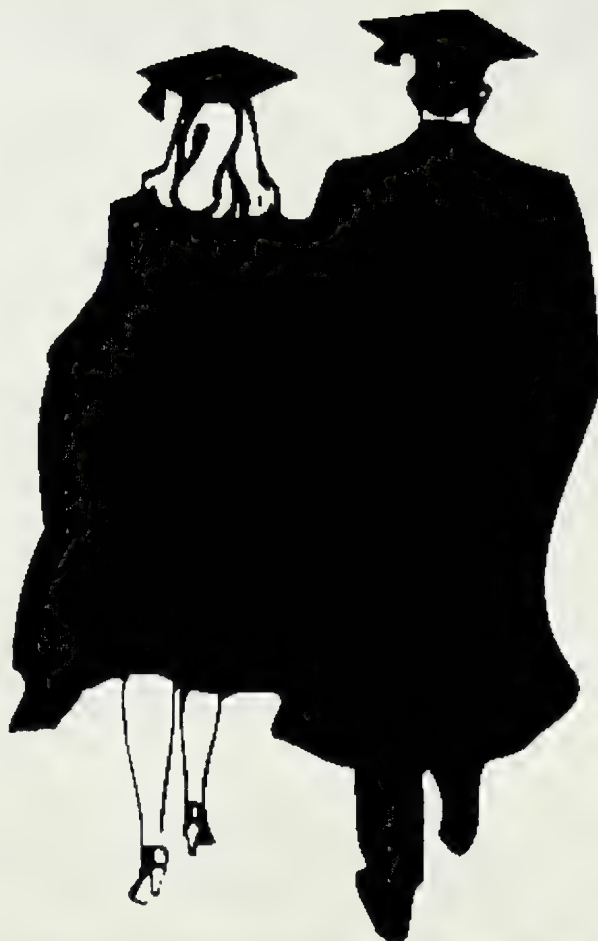
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Rosa Gonzalez
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Husny Ismael
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Travor Jerome
Allison Johnson
Hilary Johnson
Shalynn Johnson
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Gabor Katona
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Kristi Kinoshita
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Craig Kolody
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Collin Oneschuk
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Robin Patry
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Aaron Pilon
Ann Pinkowicz
Robertas Plasche
Jennifer Pollock
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Stacy Price
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Luke Prokuda
Roop Punia
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 Cindy Simmonds
 Tara Simmonds
 Michael Simon
 Amit Singh
 Corey Singh
 Gurdip Singh
 Carina Slaughter
 Daniel Smalcelj
 Jay Smart
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 Mike Smith
 Natasha Snihurowych
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 Pauline Wong
 Victor Wong
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 Wesley Woodbury
 Leslie Wright
 Jillian Wynnyk
 Chad Yurko
 Tim Zimmerman
 Brian Zizek



Christall Hill, Craig Orrell, Colette Homik, and Scott Horton at Commencement

Valedictory Address

Good evening Graduands, Teachers, Honoured Guests and Parents. We are gathered here tonight to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of 400 and some students. It is ironic to know that we have finished a long and enduring trip, high school, only to begin a new and even longer trip—called the rest of our lives. But, to leave high school is like to leave a family—very sad and emotional.

The students graduating tonight are part of a family—significant contributors to the success and reputation of the family named M.E.LaZerte. We have all worked hard, through our daily lessons and examinations involving quadratic equations and graphs; through our extra-curricular activities such as the student council and newspaper club; through our athletic programs that excel and dominant in every sport. All the work put into these activities has been rewarded through friendships, self-confidence, respect, and maybe a medal or two—O.K. lots of medals.

There is a sadness, though, as we leave our beloved school—the fact that some of the friendships, we have made, are being lost. Without the daily interaction with our friends, there is opportunity for us to grow apart. Some of us are leaving the city, province, or even the country. So, if you have a friend that you will not see or speak to until the high school reunion—thank the person for the comfort and support they have given you over the years.

The transition from school world to the adult world is an enormous task, and it requires a conscientious effort. The hard work, discipline, and dedication learned while we were in high school prepare us for the future. As Malcolm X said, “Education is our passport to tomorrow; [tomorrow] belongs to the ones who prepare for it today, “ and we have all prepared for tomorrow as seen through our leatherette booklets with our diplomas inside.

Even though we are prepared to face tomorrow - tomorrow also brings many unanswered questions, such as: who am I? And where do I want to be ten years from now? The end of high school marks the beginning of a personal quest. A quest that involves soul searching and examination of moral values. As the quest ends a new, confident people— people ready to make decisions that will affect their lives—emerge. This is when we become adults; after we have found out who we are.

After we have become adults, the world is in our hands, let us not drop it. The planet we live on is in a state of constant change, and as the next millennium approaches, we—the future generation—, face numerous challenges. Crimes, disease, hunger, and poverty are problems human beings face; global warming, depletion of the ozone, polluting of the rivers and oceans, and extinction of animals are problems the world faces. Each and every one of us

has the ability to lessen the problems at hand; but only if we choose to take action.

In our life, like in school, we will face many challenges. There are people who will avoid them; people who will half-hearted try to solve them; and people who will attack them with all their energy. I think the ones who give all that they can will succeed in overcoming and defeating these challenges.

In closing, the last three years have flown by—the friends met, the teachers from which we learned, and the activities in which we participated. Although it is difficult to move on, we must, to fulfill our dreams and expectations we have created for ourselves. It is on this note that I would like to wish each and every one of the graduands success and happiness—May you succeed in everything you do and find happiness in the little things that life has to offer.

I would like to leave you with this thought:

The longest journey is the journey inwards ...
for the source of your being.

I hope all of you find your source of being. Thank you and have a good night.

Nhat Cam
M.E. LaZerte
May 1997

Speech on Grad Mural

Mistress and Master of Ceremonies, honoured guests, M.E.LaZerte staff, parents, friends, ladies and gentlemen, and my fellow graduates.

It has been my absolute honour to have been selected to create the Graduation Mural you see before you tonight for M.E.LaZerte's graduating class of 1997. The piece, entitled Freedom to be Free, is quite symbolic of graduation. For the past three years we have lived in the isolated, sheltered world of M.E.LaZerte, which is represented by the green globe. In those three years, we have all faced challenge, success and happiness. The three brilliant yellow stars within the globe are symbols of these ideas. Now, of life." We are free to pursue our own studies, represented by the book and grad cap, choose our own paths and perfect our own world. Notice the orange intersecting lines on the red region of the mural. Through obtaining our goals there is a chance that our chosen paths will cross each others', making the trip that much more memorable. What can be found at the end of a rainbow? Will it be a pot of gold? What we discover at the end will be what we make it to be, as the rainbow in the painting has no definite end. In our future there is a blazing sun in a blue sky. The world is open to us and we shall make a world that is beautiful, vivid and alive.

I have truly enjoyed painting this mural and to know that it will hang in M.E.LaZerte for many years to come is very gratifying to me as a student and graduate. As an artist, I will cherish this moment because I have been able to share my emotions and spirit with everyone here tonight through this mural. My best wishes go out to all graduates for a successful and prosperous future. Thank you and good evening.

Colette Homik
May 1997



Congratulations graduates!

Class of '97 History

Good evening honored guests, parents, staff and fellow graduates. Tonight we are here to honor a group of people that we are crazy about..... ourselves! And to cherish our memories of the past three years in this incredible educational institution known to some as M.E. LaZerte and to others as something less than heaven. Oh, sorry, time for a quick intro., we are, Phara Hernandez, Nadine Kellman and Riley Lagaden.

First off, I would just like to mention how good I look. But no, everyone looks really great. I am surprised how well you all clean up. I mean, look at Nadine, we actually pried off her hat and did her hair. And who would have thought we'd ever see her in a dress?

Well, how 'bout we start from grade ten, where we were all herded into the gym like cattle for registration, wearing our new clothes trying to impress people with how cool we were. I know that my first memory was being dressed up and walking into LaZerte, seeing all of the gorgeous new girls.

No one wants to hear about you looking at girls. Now Bobby Wong is a different story. What a body!!

Then after registration, came the first day of classes where you learned to avoid eye contact and to really look forward to your introduction to Physics, Chemistry, and Biology. But, to many, the hardest introduction was to Ramp Hackey-sack 10, 20, and 30. With experienced teachers such as Chad Wegenast and Carlos Carpentier, many like Cory Hubich graduated with honors, but most only with the love-tap marks lingering on their shoulders.

So after you dodged Mr. Bererton's lab explosions, you had to tackle the never ending maze of hallways, where just as you thought you had found your first morning class, you realized that you were standing in the middle of Mr. Collins' physics 30's. Oh ya, by the way Mr. Collins, could you possibly assign any more homework, I mean, who really needs sleep anyway?

Well after grade 10 came grade 11, where we got a wonderful, great, fantastic new principal, Mr. McWilliam who incidentally got a wonderful, great, fantastic little birthday present. We all know what that was. While in grade 11, we were exposed to everything from David Hodges in a dress (nice boobies Dave) to throwing cream pies at our favorite teacher.

And best of all, who could forget the Biology field trip to Elk Island Park, where we walked in the rain with Miss. Rocco just to get a glimpse of the Buffalo waddling in their own urine. Although we didn't get the privilege of seeing the Buffalo in action, we did get a glimpse of Ricky Sahota waddling in the Buffalo patties. It was fun although we had to defend ourselves from the attack of the killer mosquitoes thanks to some meat head (Jeff Orkuz) who wasted all of the repellent.

Later in the year we realized that the best excuse for being late was "Well, how am I supposed to know what time it was? The clock in the caf. says ten after", as if you didn't get the hint from the empty hallways. That used to be Angie Lapatka's favorite excuse until the administration later combatted this by implementing bells. Now all that she can say is "Sorry".

Skipping became an integral part of our lives as well, especially on hot summer days. Soon, students took this to the extremes. For instance, I never knew Ninoy Bounket was in my Social 20 class, even though she sat in front of me. By the way, is Ninoy here tonight, or is she skipping? The problem that this created, besides the missed assignments was the dreaded attendance report. Many parents still haven't seen one since grade 10, as their kids have destroyed the evidence to avoid the universal "I am very disappointed in you" speech.

And here we are finally in grade 12 after what seems to have been an eternity. Yes, grade 12 is here, and with it comes the diploma exams, and the Oilers back in the playoffs!!! And, I am sure, like many of us, you waited until the last minute to get those shoes, buy that corsage and dodge those teachers who's class you skipped during the week while trying to get it all together.

Speaking of attendance, remember how we solved that problem by disposing of the evidence? Well, the administration came up with a better idea of a computerized version of Mr. Cimolini now calling at 2:00 in the morning just to give you a friendly reminder that "your son or daughter has missed one or more classes today"

This year was also a year of love and romance for some such as Phil Pereira and Shannon Friel, Andrea Guerrero and Stu Kostiuk, and Anjali Kahera and yours truly — aren't we all so cute? Oh, I almost forgot Phara's tiny crush on John Politylo. Who unfortunately gave her the cold shoulder.

Did you say cold? Nothing could be colder than our school in the winter. You see, Mr. Hallows wanted revenge on all of us for all the times we scammed slushes. In the middle of winter, he now turns the furnace off (It gets so cold in the rooms that Jessie Schur turns a nice shade of purple), and in the summer time, strangely, the furnace is working very well (incidentally, this is when Jessie turns an even nicer shade of red).

Here is the part of the speech now where we would like to give out a few awards. Our rainbow award goes out to Lisa Heng for her wonderful combinations of hair color (just like our very own Dennis Rodman). The award for the best celebrity meeting goes to Collette Homik for her meeting Margaret Thatcher the former Prime Minister of Great Britain — wow, how exciting. This year's Test Crash Dummy award goes to..... Jason Hall for crashing his car not once, but twice right in front of the school. The Voyageur peace prize goes to Brianne Klement for trying to revive the ideologies of the sixties. The award for the best male athlete goes to Our beloved president Scott Horton for his well formed cartwheels. And the award for the worst felony goes to Jackie Chung for her part in writing this speech and getting us kicked out of the library for making us laugh — which is a capital crime according to Mr. Bell and punishable by exile; but still not as bad as taking his picture.

Our class did have some serious moments though, such as the fund raising done at the thirty hour-famine, and what about the selling of the heart - o - grams, where all of the money raised went to CANFAR (the foundation for AIDS research).

Oh! And lets not forget about the football and swim team who once again became city champions — ALL RIGHT SWIM TEAM!!! And honorable mention goes out to Gareth Ellis for leading the Volleyball team to their Consolation victory, and Steve Parker for leading the Basketball team to although not a championship, a very good year. And who cares anyway, Steve looked GOOD doing it! Nonetheless, we are proud of all of you!

But seriously, grade twelve has been year of responsibility, and the decisions we make will influence us for the rest of our lives. Stop and look around because when school ends, so too will many of our friendships and crushes that we have known. This is a turning point, where we all will be branching out into the future, and can thank M. E. LaZerte High School for bringing us here. This school has been good to us so far, but as Joe Walsh once said "It's hard to leave when you can't find the door."

Congratulations class of '97!!

President's Grad Address

Good evening parents, guests, staff and of course the most important people of the night, my fellow Graduands. Well it has finally come, our three years at M.E. LaZerte are over, as well as our twelve years of preparation for life and possibly more school. The lessons that you take from your experiences at M.E. LaZerte will reveal many different opportunities for you to chose from, and I hope that this year's Student Union has added some memorable and enjoyable times to your high school life.

Being your Student Union President for the past year has been one of the most valuable experiences that I can take from all of my years of school. I have had the opportunity to work with a wonderful and dedicated council, and have been honored to represent such a diverse and talented group of cooperative and enthusiastic students.

In my eyes our council this year consisted of many determined people who put in long hours to bring you the many Student Union sponsored activities throughout the year. I just hope that you have gained as much from our experiences, whether it be the captivating and enlightened words expressed by a Motivational speaker, or the honorable feeling you get in the pit of your stomach by somehow helping one of the numerous charities that Stu-

dent Union has been involved with throughout the year. I hope that this year's council has somehow affected you, and with that I will be contented with the job that I have done along with the Student Union.

I know that I am very proud of our accomplishments this year, collecting more hampers and money for the Salvation Army Christmas relief fund than past years, holding a blood donor clinic in our school and hopefully giving the "gift of life" to some deserving people, helping Santa reply to letters from a local inner city elementary school, as well as trying to do our part to reduce world hunger through the thirty hour famine.

I hope that some of the activities provided for you the students has made your life at M.E. that much more enjoyable. Whether it was looking forward to competing in the arm wrestling competition, throwing a pie in my face or the constables' face, buying that computer matchmaker to see who your next love interest will be, or the excitement of one of our Pep Rallys which I believe to be the best in the years that I have attended M.E., this past year should be engraved in your mind as being one of the best times of your life. Step out into the future with open arms and embrace all that will be handed to you, and

remember that a lot of those opportunities were given to you because of your experiences here in the halls of M.E. LaZerte. And we as a council hope that we have contributed to those opportunities and life skills.

When you leave this summer and move on to Post secondary, to Central high or to the work force you should never hesitate to tell anyone and everyone that you were a part of the M.E. LAZERTE Graduating class of 1997. The articles in Edmonton Newspapers should have spoke about our successful science olympics team, or the fact that we are the City Champions in Senior football, that we are successful participants of Skills Canada each year, that we have one of the best School Newspapers in all of Edmonton or that we have many other successes, as well as the work we do for the community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for enabling me to represent you as Student Union President. I am honored that you had the confidence in me and I hope that I have lived up to my potential and to your expectations. I would like to thank Mr. Smilanich our student activities coordinator, as well as everyone that I have worked with over the past three years

As you walk out the doors of M.E. LaZerte for the last



time and you walk into your future, remember it was molded here in the halls of M.E. LaZerte as were so many friendships and so many memories. Don't forget to glance back every so often and appreciate the influence that it had on everything that you do. I have been honored to take this voyage with such a great group of people. On behalf of Student Union Congratulations and good luck, I thank you again and I leave you with this: "Life will never present you with a struggle that your inner strength cannot endure", so love, laugh and most importantly don't be afraid to Live.



Class Prophecy '97

Harold: Good evening parents, teachers, administration, honoured guests, lovers, pets...

Stephanie: ... And fellow graduands. I'm Stephanie Rowell.

Carey: I'm Carey Paholek.

Harold: And I'll be your waiter, and escort tonight, Harold Semenuk. When offered the chance to tell the school prophecy at grad, we jumped at it! But how was it possible to look into the future and see how well we do?

Carey: Or screw up. Anyway, we decided we needed to find a time machine and who better to look to than our own Science genius Craig Orrell, Brett Kosinski and Kitty Tang.

Harold: Of course the team was headed by Mr. Bereton, who insisted we go back in time and try to find his sanity.

Stephanie: Anyway, we did a little snooping in the year 2007 and even brought back a newspaper featuring many of our graduating class.

Carey: The headline reads, Scott Horton and Shadia Moustara are defeated by underdog Corey Hubich in Edmonton's civic election.

Harold: Political Scientist Ryan Sobotiuk blames Scott and Shadia's loss on their public demolition of each others campaign material, and credits Corey Hubich's win on his slogan, "I represent the party-party".

Steph: On the next page is the wedding and birthday announcements. To no ones surprise Ming Yeung has wed Ms. Gemmel. And Kent Swanson, former bull-rider turned surfer, has moved to Utah where he can legally wed high school honeys Susan Ross, Jessica Zajonz and surprisingly, Alissa Reynolds.

Carey: On the business page, striving rap-artist Snoop Jonny Jon Politylo has fallen back on his mathematical skills and opened a casino with partners Rino San-jev-ic and Darko Boss-loss-ick.

Steph: The business is reportedly failing - kept open only by casino regulars Devon Sanford, Khaled Ho-kee-mee, Mohamed Mee-ta and Samir Kamlee.

Harold: Mary Coghlan has tapped into the business market with her love boutique Dominatrix. Featured items are licorice whips and chocolate handcuffs.

Carey: Johnny Semeniuk made it to NAIT due to his dad's powers, as he promised us all. Not surprisingly Johnny has found a love for Botany and agricultural engineering and is a leading scientist in the industry. Weird!

Steph: Derek Zack, concert promoter, has failed once again it seems, after trying

to stage a Country Music meets Alternative Music Woodstock.

Harold: I'm sure it would have been great Derek. In other news, a clown with glowing, turquoise hair has sent a group of children into trauma. The clown reportedly frightened the kids with her 1990's techno dances. 28 year old Tessa Heng is charged with disturbing the peace.

Steph: Police are looking for Chris Young after he went into a fit of rage at McDonalds for not being able to use a coupon. Manager Tasha Marleau was quoted saying, "I hate my job!"

Harold: Mark Napora, World Cup Champion snowboarder has opened up a multi-million dollar resort at lake Wapasseau. Despite the babes and fame, he still is only allowed out once a weekend.

Carey: In Entertainment News, handy-man teacher Mr. Pacholik takes over the Red Green show with sidekick Ron Toly on his heels. The show consists of Mr. Pacholik's hair beauty tips, and Ron Toly's tips on trucks and how to attend high school while being married.

Steph: And good news for Sean Bown who landed the part of TUPAC, in TUPAC, THE MOVIE. However, it seems there's trouble on the set already as director Mr. David Nattress just can't get Sean to memorize his lines.

Harold: In brighter news, Kim Shave's Sunday Night Sex Show is on the radio worldwide. She attributes her success to lengthy discussions with inquisitive minds in Chemistry 20.

Carey: Chris and Colin Onischuk are also celebrities as their new TV show, The Onischuk Twins, has just hit the air. The show consists of their daily, clever schemes in how to skip out of class, and innovative ways of hanging out at the mall.

Harold: In sports it seems the National Ringette League has folded, leaving Dwayne Renaud, Darren Brown, Tab Lardner and Billy Baker all out of jobs. Jessie Schur, the league's leading scorer, joins the Edmonton Fire Department. On her first day on the job, she climbs a tree to rescue a cat and falls out. She is found murmuring something about a high school camping trip.

Steph: Stephen Parker, all-start of the Toronto Raptors is bankrupt. No, Trish Arychuk didn't suck him dry, but his financial manager, Jasdeep Panasar, did. Investigators say Jasdeep spent the money on computer equipment and bad rap CDs.

Carey: It seems Jeff Orkusz has made it big -

two new sports he has invented have made the Olympics. Spit on the floor, and wait until an unknowing student steps in it. That's event #1. Event number #2 is to kick a half-full pop can down the hall and see if anyone gets sprayed.

Stephanie: Devon Muir and Klara Holewa of the WWF tag team "Gotta Problem Man!" beat Clinton Harper and Emad Elsmoury of the team "Hungry and Scary" for the championship belts.

Harold: It seems at the Strongest Man of the World Games, Trevor Yachimec has once again won the "Take a beer, guzzle it, smash it over your head, then put it through the wall" event. Coach Vince Emberly is very proud.

Carey: Fred Kennedy, coach of Canada's men's rugby team, has Team Canada disqualified. He said he got the idea to dress rugby star Nadine Kellman as a man from the movie, Ladybugs.

Harold: Before we receive our beatings and questions of curiosity from parents, we'd just like to run through the classifieds quickly. Let's see... EXPERIENCED FREELoader NEEDS TO FREELoad. CONTACT ALEX GRANULA.

Steph: Need hair bleach? Contact Amanda Schultz and Janice Wilson.

Carey: The tanless support group meet every Tuesday. Contact Nikki Homeniuk, Kim Rennie or Jon Stafford today.

Harold: I urgently need to learn how to ski. Don't want to break my leg like on a high school field trip. Contact April Sandusky.

Stephanie: I'm looking for a harbour to park my Ford Crown Victoria. Contact Heidi Huddleston.

Carey: Looking for any nice used clothing, Jammers, stained T-shirts, but nothing brand name. Contact Alex Tsen, Sandy Lee or Paddy Lee.

Harold: Former teacher who loves any kitchen work. Life long experience. Contact Ms. Watt.

Carey: If anyone is looking for an actress who can play the part of Choubacca in any kind of Star Wars remake, contact Emily Bandrychuk.

Stephanie: That's all the dirt we have. Sorry if we missed anyone...

Carey: But we're not sorry that we included anyone.

Harold: It's been a fun three years at M.E. LaZerte and no matter what river we take or if the ice caps melt and the world floods, we all know we'll paddle through it because we're Voyageurs! Good night!

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Toast to the Teachers

Good evening parents, staff, guests and fellow grads. It is my pleasure this evening to lead the class of '97 in a toast to the people that entered our lives not three years ago, and for most had a colossal effect on the way you see us today.

"This used to be our playground" is a line quoted directly from our grad song which will lead us into the theme of my speech here tonight. A brilliant teacher explains the workings of the world's leaders as children playing in a sandbox, fighting over toys and play territory. I would like to take the next few minutes to look at our experience with the teachers at "The M.E LaZerte Playground" located somewhere between childhood and the future.

This playground, undergoing renovations, is enjoyable just the same, and as we leave the playground we look back as it receives a few new slides and some new paint, but we are not bitter and we look at the fun we once had. Now look back at the first time you set sights on this enormous playground; lucky for us there were some willing guides.

As I ventured my way onto this playground the magnitude overcame me and I became very nervous but I looked around and saw some soothing sights of course my friends but also older kids, much older, much, much older like little Mr. Bereton who had set up an elaborate security system to make sure that little Mr. Sumyk wouldn't steal everyone's lunches. Little Mrs. Malayko and Little Mr. Stobbe were organizing a party to say good bye to some kids leaving the playground and Little Constable Czerwonka was just strolling around keeping everything under control. I was

later led by another who said we were looking to investigate on the X - files of mathematics, so little Mr. Sutherland and I looked for the aliens, the imaginary numbers. He told me the only reason he needed my help was because his original helper, Mr. Myck was trying to trade his 30 year old doll for two 20 year old ones. I next noticed a few of the bad kids, little Mr. Jereniuk and little Madame Russo were writing graffiti on the wall of a fortress I couldn't understand what it said but it read, "Au Revoir et congratulations de la classe de Vipuskinay divia noste siome."

I was then grabbed by a hyper active little Mrs. Buffi who had said she was overcome by the Latte monster and I should watch out or he would get me next. Mrs. Buffi was with someone who was even more happy and excited then she was but she wasn't on anything, she was living life and loving it and that was little Miss. Smith, everyone on the playground was sad to see her leave, but she was being called and had to go.

I walked on through the sandy park and was in awe of the relationships that everyone seemed to share. I noticed Mrs. Watt and a good friend of mine Harold Semenuk who seemed to be having a game of hide and seek because Harold was hiding from her as she gazed around playfully trying to make Harold her little treasureous find. Little Mr. Bateman was struggling to ride his Unicycle but didn't have much luck getting through the sand, as Mr. Goin played his harmonica, and Little Mr. Nattress acted out the entire script of *Death of a Salesman* by himself, and Mrs. Gemmel read a love letter from Ming. I then looked out

of the Park and across the field where I saw Mr. Pacholek who seemed to be building his own park.

As the day grew on everyone became tired and decided to sit and listen to a story told by little Mr. Gosman who captivated the audience of his peers, his colleagues and his disciples.

As we the grads face the world outside of the protected playground of M.E. LaZerte we must realize that the sand will never be so soft, and there won't always be someone at the bottom of that slide ready to catch us. The sand castles of our existence have been sculpted by these passionate people who are dedicated everyday to making the curriculum of our lives something that we will enjoy, remember and use.

We were more than fortunate to have such a first rate education available to us, and along with this to have instructors who are obviously content with the path that they have chosen in life; ready to help us make our choices and help us make the right ones.

I would now like to take this opportunity to thank all of the teachers and counselors that have sculpted my life into the work of art you see before you, you should be proud of a job well done.

If you would all please raise your glasses and join me in a toast to the teachers and staff of M.E. LaZerte, but do not just toast, them appreciate what they have done and be thankful that you have been blessed. Here is to the people who are not only our teachers but our counselors, our coaches, advisors, inspirations, parents away from home, our friends. **TO THE TEACHERS!!!**

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